

Second Term of Adult Enrichment Classes To Begin

With the close of the holiday season the second term of Adult Enrichment Classes will be getting underway at the Grayling High School. Registration will begin on Monday, January 6 and continue throughout the week.

Adult Enrichment Classes sponsored by the Crawford AuSable Schools Community Program are open to anyone wishing to enroll, students need not be a resident of the Crawford AuSable District.

Included in this new line-up of Adult Enrichment Classes will be Beginning Darkroom Techniques, Furniture Refinishing, Beginning Gunsmithing, Powderpuff Mechanics, Improving Your Marriage and Human Awareness Skill Development.

Along with these new offerings will be such old favorites as Conversational Spanish, Cake Decorating, Income Tax, Fly Tying and Slimnastics. A complete list of class offerings, schedule of classes and brief course descriptions will appear in next week's issue.

Further information about the Crawford AuSable Adult Education Program can be obtained by calling Grayling Community School Director, Howard Taylor, at 517/348-7641 any weekday afternoon or evening. The Community School's Office is located in the new Grayling High School.

City to Honor Five Employees

The City of Grayling is planning to honor several employees at a dinner to be held on Friday, January 10, 1975, at 6:30 p.m. at the Chief Shoppenagor Motor Hotel.

The honorees are Howard Moggo for 25 years of service with the City Department of Public Works, Thomas Dunham with 13 years service in the Department of Public Works, F. Anne Buron with 10 years of service in the City Clerks office, Seeley Wakeley with 10 years service in the City Garage, and Walt SanCartier with 10 years service in the Department of Public Works.

The public is invited to attend. Those persons wishing more information and/or reservations should call 348-2131 on or before Friday, January 3, 1975.

Boy Scouts Select Local Leader



The Lake Huron Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America has elected Robert A. Stenger, President of Kirtland Community College, to three positions in the scouting organizational structure. Bob Stenger was nominated and elected to the following offices of leadership: Vice-President of the Lake Huron Area Council; Member of the Executive Board; and National Council Representative.

Stenger has served as AuSable District Chairman and on the Lake Huron Board of Directors for the past five years. As the new representative to the National Council he will represent the local area at regional and national meetings. His election to these scouting posts reflects his continued interest in the leadership training program for the youth of our nation. An appointment will be made in the near future to fill the vacancy of AuSable District Chairman.

An important scouting activity planned for next year is the "American Heritage Camp-O-Rama." This event will be held at the Midland Fairgrounds in May of 1975.

2 Sentenced In Circuit Court

The following dispositions were made of criminal cases before the Honorable Daniel F. Walsh, Circuit Judge for the 46th Judicial Circuit sitting in the County of Crawford at Grayling, Michigan, on Monday, December 16.

Dennis Paul Hilgendorf of Roscommon, was placed on 24 months probation and assessed fines and costs in the amount of \$475.00 after entering a plea of guilty to breaking and entering an unoccupied dwelling with the intent to commit a larceny.

Kevin John Schilbe of Roscommon, was placed on 3 years probation, the first 12 months of which is to be spent incarcerated in the Crawford County Jail after having been found guilty of violation of the probation he was placed on after an earlier plea of guilty to breaking and entering an unoccupied dwelling with the intent to commit a larceny.

WARNING

The "Artillery Range" at Camp Grayling, located north of County Road 612 and south of the North Branch of the AuSable River, will be used by National Guard Units 26 thru 29 Dec for range firing, air to ground.

This range will be closed on above dates and all persons are warned to stay out of these areas.

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Theatrical Group to Present "The Beautiful Savior"

The River Country Players will present their 2nd annual Christmas pageant, "The Beautiful Savior," Monday evening, December 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. at the Rialto Theatre.

Rev. Paul Frederick will narrate a live portrayal of the Nativity while Christmas carols are sung under the direction of Howard Schmidt.

Also included will be traditions and costumes of Christmas from countries around the world. There will be no admission charge. The public is cordially invited.

Crawford County Avalanche

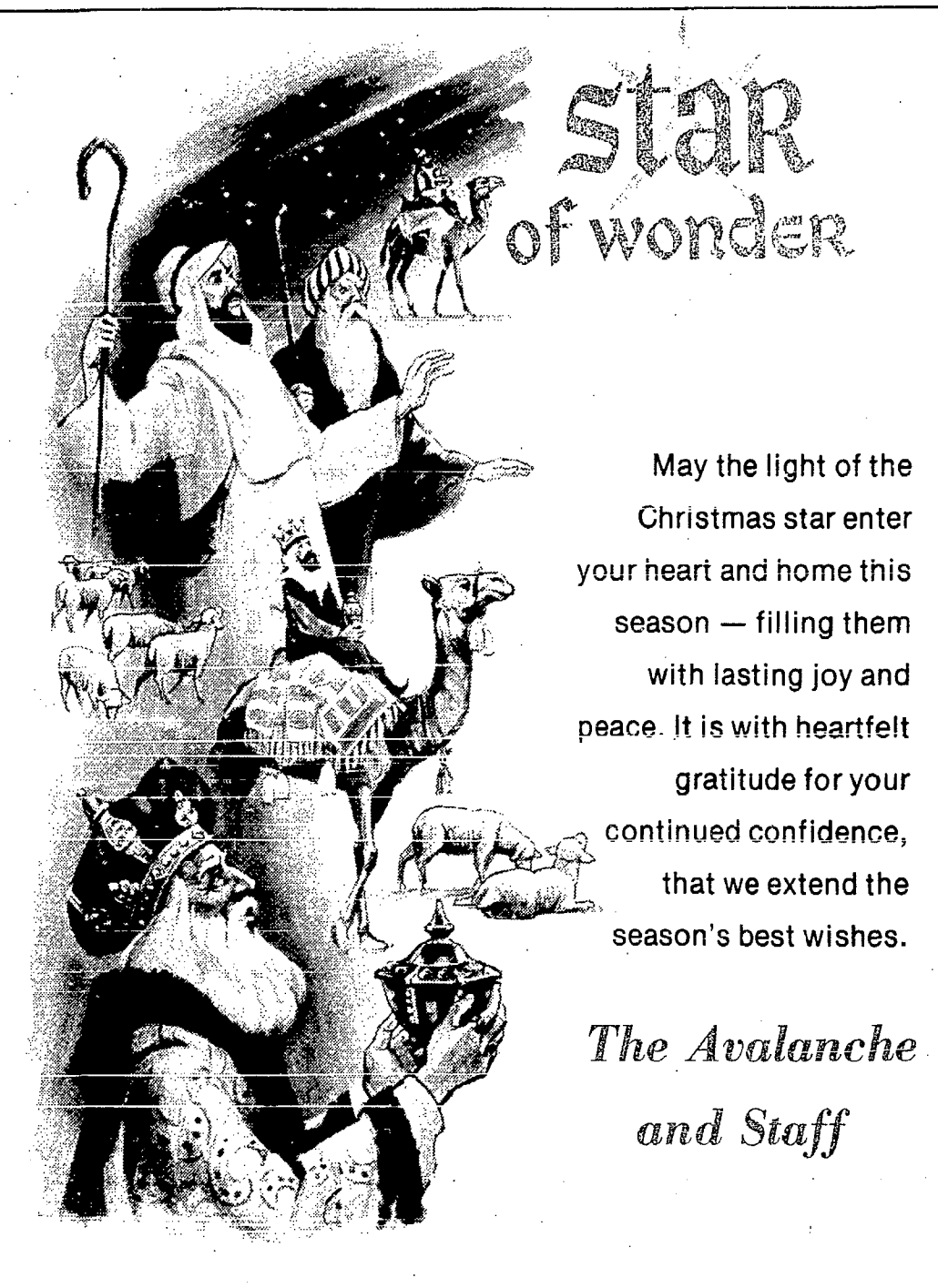
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The Avalanche and Staff

Property Owners Association And Canoe Livery Operators Meet

(By Abner C. Sager)

Representatives of the Grayling and Roscommon canoe liveries met with the Directors of the AuSable River System Property Owners Association to discuss problems of mutual concern regarding use of the River. The main topics were conduct and law enforcement.

Deputy Don Hemming of the Crawford County Sheriff Department explained some of the problems of law enforcement. He told of a little known provision of the Michigan Public Acts of 1972 whereby it is unlawful for any person to deliberately overturn watercraft, including canoes.

President James Robison reported that the Property Owners Association had approved a contribution to the Sheriff Department to assist with problems of enforcement. It is planned to provide an additional deputy on summer weekends during 1975, to respond to River complaints.

It is hoped that future cooperative efforts will help to educate all users of the River to improve conditions without additional restrictive regulations. Representatives of the Recreational Canoeists Association from the Manistee, Muskegon and Pine Rivers were also present at the meeting.

The AuSable River System Property Owners Association is composed primarily of those who maintain property and are interested in the welfare of Crawford and Roscommon Counties.

The principal objective is to unite in cooperation to sustain and protect the AuSable River and all of its Branches for the best interests of all. Those who are interested in joining with the Association may send name and address and include \$5.00 annual dues, to the Secretary-Treasurer, Box 15, Grayling, Michigan 49738. Additional information will also be provided.

Curt Matson Here January 7th

Noted Hollywood Actor To Appear In Grayling

Appearing as the lecturer and photographer of the next Travel and Adventure Program at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium on January 7 will be noted stage and movie actor Curt Matson. Mr. Matson is a resident of Hollywood, California. He attended the University of California and is a graduate of the Pasadena Playhouse. Mr. Matson has appeared in major roles in the original productions of "Stalag 17," "The Three Pany Opera," and "George Washington Slept Here." Motion pictures to his credit include major roles in "Hell Squad" and "Tank Commandos" and recently released James Bond type spy thriller, "Dolt Squad."

Matson has also worked behind the cameras as producer and has to his credit a successful "G" rated motion picture. However, he discovered that the make-believe world was not half as fascinating for him as the adventure and beauty of the real world. He has combined his interest in people and places with his flair for photography and entered the film lecture field. He has distinguished himself as a public speaker and a travel photographer, bringing warmth and humor to the platform with a captivating style. His perceptive narratives are blended with excellent photography, producing first-class travelogue entertainment.

Matson will appear at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 7, 1975, narrating live his full color adventure film entitled "Romantic Austria." The Joseph Stripe Auditorium is located in the new Grayling High School three miles north of Grayling just north of the M-93 and Old 27 Junction.



CURT MATSON, noted actor, director and lecturer will be appearing at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium on Tuesday evening, January 7, 1975. Appearing with Mr. Matson will be his wife, the lovely actress-singer, Erica Campbell. They will be in Grayling showing their full color adventure "Romantic Austria" as well as providing the audience with musical entertainment before the travelogue.

Lovells Club To Meet

The Lovells Hook and Trigger Clubs January meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 7th at 7:30 p.m. in the Lovells Town Hall.

The Clubs 1975 objectives and activities will be discussed. Suggestions and ideas for improvement of programs are always welcomed.

Ron Jones of the County Cooperative Extension Services will explain 4-H Club activities in his search for adult and senior youth leaders to represent Lovells Township. Interested adults and youth are urged to attend.

Bear Mountain Tow Fees

Season memberships are available at Bear Mountain for residents of Crawford County only at \$100.00 per family. Christmas vacation packages are available at \$50.00 for resident families and \$100.00 for non resident families. Persons desiring any of the memberships should send a check for the appropriate amount along with a letter listing the names and ages of members of the family to Joseph Stripe, 607 Park Street, Grayling. Make the check payable to Grayling Winter Sports Association.

Daily tow fees have been set at \$2.00 for resident students and \$3.00 for resident adults. Non resident students must pay \$4.00 and non resident adults \$6.00. Evening tow fees will be 50% of daily tow fees.

Tow schedules are:
Thursday Evening 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Saturday evening 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The tows opened at 12:00 noon on Friday, December 20 and will be open daily from 9:00 to 4:30 p.m. through January 5, 1975.

Snowmobile Safety Class To Start

Crawford County Sheriff's Department will co-ordinate a snowmobile safety class for all youngsters 12 years old or older. The class will begin on Monday, January 6th, 1975 and run through Friday, January 10th. Time will be from 3:45 p.m. to 4:50 p.m. each day.

The class will be held at the new High School on Old 27. The safety class will cover the safe operation of a snowmobile, trail emergencies and Michigan law relating to snowmobiles. The class is aimed at those youngsters who need to earn the certificate in order to ride a snowmobile without parent supervision, however, all adults are encouraged to attend.

Anyone interested in attending should contact the Crawford County Sheriff's Department Snowmobile Division.

Boyne Bombs Vikes

The Boyne City Ramblers didn't leave the Vikings much to celebrate about during the holiday recess when they invaded Vikingland last Friday night, and rambled to a 81-60 victory to remain undefeated in league action, while the Vikings slipped to a 2-3 record in the Michigan-Huron Shores Conference.

Following the holidays, hard-court action will resume on Friday, January 3rd, when the Vikings will be on the road as they journey to Cheboygan for a M-HSC contest with the Chiefs.

Boyne jumped out to a 19-12 first period advantage, and followed their namesake with a 36-27 lead at halftime and kept on extending to a 56-44 margin at the three quarter mark, and left no doubt in the final stanza why they share the league lead with Petoskey undefeated. Don Weaver with 17 points

MEETINGS CHANGED

The monthly meeting of the Grayling Sportsman's Club will be held on January 8 instead of January 1, due to the holidays. Ray Perez of the DNR will be the guest speaker. The meeting will start at 8:00 p.m.

Occupational Therapist For COOR



2 Area Men On Scouts Council

The Lake Huron Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, held its Annual Business Meeting and Election of 1975 officers on Tuesday, December 10, at the Council Service Center in Auburn.

Ellis M. Ivey, Jr., of Saginaw, was elected to his fourth term as President of the 19 County Scout Council. Mr. Ivey, General Manager of Saginaw Steeling Gear, has a varied and distinguished background as a volunteer in Scouting.

Other officers elected by the Council include: Roger Gohrband, Midland, as Treasurer; and the following Vice Presidents: Dr. Thomas Watkins, Alpena; Joe Bevirt, Midland; George Burrows, Alpena; William Palmer, Saginaw; Robert Stenger, Roscommon; and Al Maasberg, Midland.

Elected as Area Commissioners were Gene Wenzloff, Frank Emmert and Ken Carlisle of Grayling. Stenger and Carlisle were also elected as members of the Council Executive Board.

Avalanche Publication Dates For Christmas and New Year's Issues

Due to Christmas and New Year's Day falling on Wednesday this year, the Avalanche will be printed on the two prior Saturdays, December 21st and 28th, and mailed on Sunday. Deadline for news and advertising copy will be noon on the preceding Fridays, December 20th and December 27th. Your cooperation will be appreciated.

Snowmobile Safety Training

The Crawford County Sheriff's Department says that the snowmobile safety program is working. According to recent statistics received by the Sheriff's Department from the Department of Natural Resources, 91.1% of the drivers involved in reported accidents had no formal training in snowmobile safety.

The snowmobile safety program is designed to give the student, not only mechanical skill to operate a machine, but also a knowledge of the law and the why of the law. Stressed in these safety classes also is respect for the snowmobile and for other people who may be enjoying the outdoors a different way.

Deputy Coe of the Sheriff's Department recommends that everyone take the safety course. Although the course is aimed at youngsters who need it to ride a machine without adult supervision, grown-ups can also benefit by the class.

Anyone wishing more information on the snowmobile laws or interested in registering for a class, contact Deputy Coe or Deputy Hemming of the Sheriff's Department at 348-6341.



SANTA DRAWS BIKE WINNERS—Winners of the two bicycles (boys and girls) were announced by Santa Claus at the drawing held at the Grayling State Bank. Taking home the girls bicycle was Jo Ann Fairbrother of Frederic and the boys bicycle was presented to John Sylvester of Grayling. The evening was a busy one for Santa (shown above listening to requests from Jason Nielson) who passed along to us the joy he found in visiting with many area children.


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Hospital Honors Mrs. Larson



Recently Mrs. Ernest (Elsie) Larson, R.N., was honored with a retirement luncheon at the Shoppemagon Motor Hotel, given by her friends and co-workers at the Grayling Mercy Hospital.

Mrs. Larson, for over 43 years, has worked part time as an R.N. at Grayling Mercy Hospital.

Attending the luncheon were many of her associates as well as her husband Ernest.

After completing a one year course at Bliss Alger College in Saginaw, Michigan, Mrs. Larson began her nursing career here at Grayling when the hospital was still located on old U.S. 27. The nursing school was under the direction of the Sisters of Mercy, supervised by Sister Mary Stella R.S.M. After completing the required three years of study at Mercy Hospital, Helen Keifer of Detroit, Michigan and St. Mary's Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

In June 1933 she married Ernest L. Larson; she has three children, Ronald and Gerald of Grayling and Mrs. Vern (Judith) Essenberg of Frankfort, Ill.

During her married life she has continued her work at Mercy Hospital and has been active in the North Central District Nurses Ass., the P.T.A. helping to put on the 1st drive for band uniforms, all school activities, instigator of the 1st Jr. - Sr. party at the Officers Club at Camp Grayling and also has volunteered enough red cross work to receive her pin and was recently honored with a Life Membership in the O.E.S.

She was presented with a large terrarium, the Nurses Prayer, embroidered and framed by the group, a beautiful mum corsage, and a bouquet of red roses presented by her husband.

State Police Anti-Drug Program

A total of \$44,200 has been authorized in the fourth processing of money award cases under the Michigan State Police "Turn In Pusher" anti-drug program, according to the department's detective division.

Twelve awards were approved in the evaluation by an impartial citizen board, the largest award being \$12,000.

Including the fourth processing, the awards in the TIP program total about \$229,000. This includes \$75,000 in the first processing, \$50,000 in the second and \$60,000 in the third. Awards in the four evaluations to date number 70.

Since TIP began last January, the department has had 6,403 telephone calls on drug information. Of these, 2,508 have been investigated, though only 1,134 were credited as having valid information. State Police TIP manhours through November 23 totalled 50,510.

The investigations have resulted in 474 arrests, with about 160 of those involving hard narcotic (heroin and cocaine) cases.

Investigations by all detective units of the State Police in the first 10 months this year have resulted in seizures of illegal narcotics with a total estimated value of \$10.4 million. The division reported that a significant part of this is attributed to successes under TIP.

To Present Film At Assembly of God

"Blood on the Mountain," a new color film, will be shown at Grayling Assembly of God Church, 911 Elm, on December 31st at 9:30 p.m.

"Blood on the Mountain" is a film that demonstrates the strength of God's love and forgiveness.

The release of Bob Jamison from Colorado State Penitentiary triggers an escape by his former accomplice, Jim Hawker. "Hawk," as he is known, forces another inmate, Billy Hartman, to accompany him on a quest for revenge that leads to the kidnapping of Bob Jamison and his wife.

A chase by the police climaxes at the Royal Gorge where the hostages are forced into the cable car in a desperate move. The conflicts of human emotions and the interruption of human plans are woven into a tapestry of man's rebellion and God's forgiveness - against the backdrop of the Sangre de Christo (Blood of Christ) mountains of Colorado.

The patient attitude of Karen Jamison toward her confused husband, and the sacrificial action of Billy Hartman toward "Hawk" bring spiritual principles to bear on every day living and in times of major crises.

As the viewer is drawn into the action and suspense of the film, he will find himself faced with some searching questions and agonizing decisions.

Produced and released by Mark IV Pictures, Incorporated, Des Moines, Iowa, producers of "A Thief in the Night."

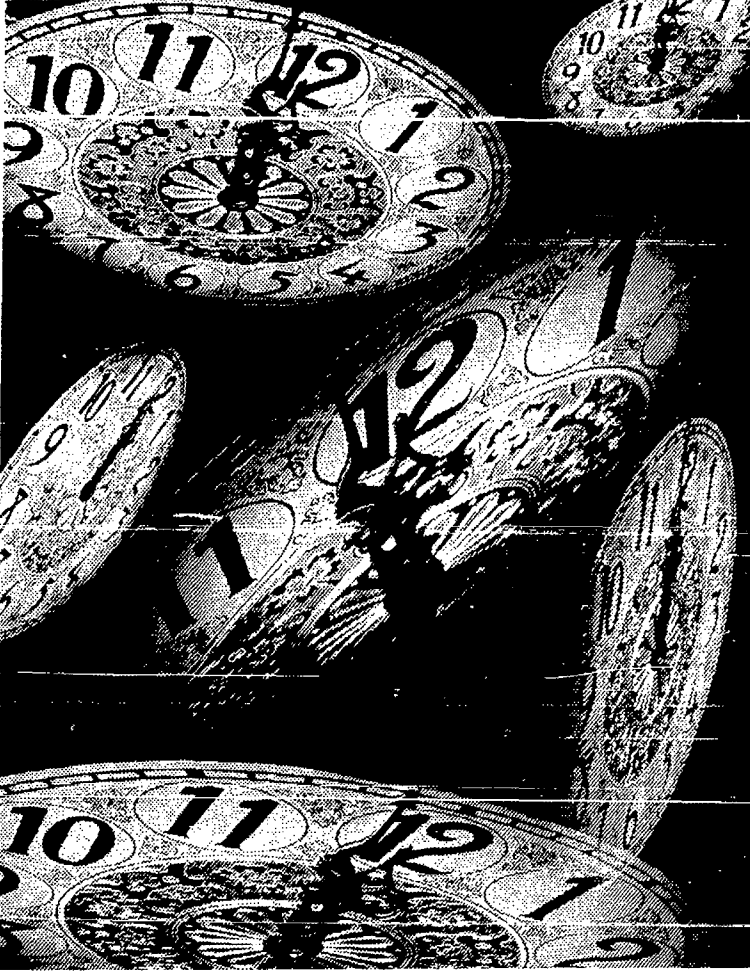
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CELEBRATION TIME

Why celebrate the end of one year and the beginning of the next? It seems a strange custom, yet there is a good reason for it.

Few, if any of us, have come even close to perfection in the year just ending. So we look ahead toward 365 brand-new days, blank pages in the next chapter of our lives.

What will we do with them? On the eve of a New Year, most of us certainly have the desire to try harder, to be better people.

But even while we are saying, "Off with the old and on with the new," we are also clinging to the good in the days gone by. As we renew old friendships, we thank God for those friends, for the faith he has given us, for life itself.

And, in the midst of revelry, we start the year the best way of all: We go to church.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Isaiah 7:10-14	Isaiah 9:1-6	Micah 5:1-4	Luke 2:1-14	Matthew 2:13-23	Hebrews 1:1-6	Titus 3:4-7

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From Calvary Baptist Church

THE DESPAIR OF HUMANISM

When we speak of Humanism, we are referring to that philosophical system of thought and action which is man centered or concerned primarily with the interests and ideals of people. Over the past few weeks we have been studying an optimistic element of modern youth who still have hopes for the world through a Humanistic Cultural Revolution.

Today we want to examine what is behind the growing number of Youth who are characterized by Nihilism, despair and cynicism. These young people are often too intelligent and honest to be deceived by the inconsistencies of Humanism. There was a time when western man could believe in the "innate goodness" of man and his great evolutionary strides upwards and onward. This century has seen an abrupt end to that man-made dream.

Humanism has been reduced to an extremely simple formula: "Matter plus time plus chance equals zero." Once man understands the logical conclusion of Humanism, its philosophy is dead. If intelligent man had his origin in chaos and blind chance, then he must look to chaos and blind chance for assistance in his present problems.

Humanism once allied itself with rationalism, but has now been forced to become irrational. The course of history in the twentieth century has proven the failure of Humanism. This explains why America is turning to Eastern Mysticism and the drug culture of the East. Our system is still trying to promote Humanism in spite of irrationality present within it. The Mysticism which held the great Eastern nations in ignorance for centuries has now been introduced as our hope for the future.

It is no wonder many young people today hold such a pessimistic attitude toward life. Any honest, intelligent attempt at being a Humanist while remaining reasonable and logical is impossible in our generation. To attempt such results in anxiety and despair.

Bible prophecy is being fulfilled. The world is almost ready for the coming of Antichrist who will unite the religious, governmental and economic forces of the world under one system. Man in general will turn to mysticism and eventually to Antichrist before he will admit the failure of Humanism and repent of his rebellion against the God of the Bible.

A return to Bible Christianity is the only optimistic, rational course available for the thinking individuals who want a coherent world and life view. Bible Christianity is the only philosophy of life left in the world today which can explain the known facts of the universe in a logical, reasonable and coherent manner.

Intelligent men have been replacing the Bible with human theories. We have been sowing to the wind and we are now beginning to reap the whirlwind. As Jeremiah said, "The wise men are ashamed, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of the Lord; and what wisdom is in them?" (Adv.)

Pastor Barnett

STANCLIP COMPLETES INSURANCE COURSE

HARTFORD, Ct.—George L. Stancil, a representative of Aetna Life & Casualty at Saginaw, has recently attended a special casualty and property insurance course at Aetna's home office here.

The five-week course provides comprehensive instruction in all forms of individual and business insurance protection which stresses new developments and methods of meeting changing conditions.

Stancil, a graduate of Central Michigan University, is associated with Cornell Agency, Inc. He is a member of the Independent Insurance Agents of Northern Michigan. He lives at 101 Rosemary Lane, Grayling, Michigan.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our many neighbors and friends for their prayers, their kindnesses, and expressions of sympathy in the loss of my husband and our father. A special thank you to our pastor, Rev. Robert Barnett and Mrs. Barnett.

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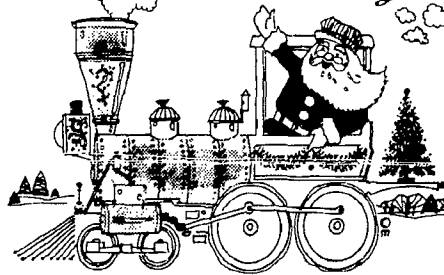
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Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

23 YEARS AGO
December 27, 1951

The Shoppenagons Inn dining room will reopen Saturday after being closed most of the month of December for extensive re-furnishing and redecorating.

Fire, of undetermined origin, destroyed the Frederic Town Hall last Wednesday night. A Crawford County landmark, the wooden structure was burned to the ground by the flames.

Among those to receive foot-hill letters at Central Michigan College's annual football banquet, sponsored by the Men's Union Board on January 17th, will be James Kolka, Grayling freshman, a member of the college's B squad.

Miss Katherine Peterson of Mt. Morris is spending the holidays with her mother Mrs. Ester Peterson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Burns arrived last week to spend Christmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Burns.

LeRoy Mathews underwent an emergency appendectomy at Mercy Hospital last Wednesday.

Mrs. Joseph Kasper left Saturday to spend the holidays in Detroit visiting her daughters Miss Marion Kasper and Mrs. Sam H. Murphy and husband.

Pvt. Robert B. Golinick, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Golinick, 307 Michigan Ave., Grayling, is completing his AF basic airman indoctrination course at Lackland Air Force Base.

Mr. and Mrs. James Brown of Mt. Clemens and Alan Stevenson of Battle Creek arrived Saturday to spend Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. C. G. Clippert at Lake Margrethe.

Mr. and Mrs. George Griffith are spending some time in Florida.

Tom Hilton and Dick Souders, U.S.N. arrived from their base at Jacksonville, Florida Sunday to spend Christmas with their respective parents, the George Hilton's and Harry Souders.

Jim Feldhauser is home from the Air Force, Denver, Colorado, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Paul Feldhauser. Other members of the family here for Christmas are: Mr. and Mrs. Jess Cruz of Alma and Mr. and Mrs. Al Roth and son, Ricky, of Bay City. Over thirty members of the family gathered at the Rudolph Feldhauser's Sunday for a family get together.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton Drummond and Roger Giegling of Detroit spent Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Giegling and Miss Sue.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Farrington and daughter Jackie of Lansing arrived Monday to spend Christmas with their daughter and family, Dr. and Mrs. B. Elmore Henig. Dr. Henig's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Henig of Detroit, and aunt, Mrs. Elizabeth Fisher of Pensacola, Florida, are expected to arrive today to spend several days.

Bruce Nielsen is home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Nielsen, Sr., from Camp Carson, Colorado.

At the William Golinick home for Christmas were Fritz Golinick from Selridge Field, Tike Golinick from Sault Ste. Marie, R. N. Jerry Golinick from Battle Creek and Delores Golinick from Washington, D. C. Delores will leave to work in Lansing after the first of the year.

Sgt. Robert LaChapelle has received his release from the Army and arrived home last Thursday.

Jim Kitchen is home from the Air Force at Boise, Idaho, visiting his parents, the K. K. Kitchens.

Clare Burns is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Burns.

Jack Richardson arrived home from the University of Michigan to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Richardson and sister Mary.

Miss Margie Nelson is home from Ferris Institute to spend Christmas vacation with her father A. J. Nelson.

Earl Westbrooke and family came Saturday to spend Christmas at their cabin but had to snow-in, but they thoroughly enjoyed it.

46 YEARS AGO
December 27, 1928

Earl Gierke is home for the holidays from the Davenport-McLaughlin Institute, Grand Rapids, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Adam Gierke.

Esbern Hanson, Jr., is home from St. John's Military Academy, Delafield, Wisc., spending the holiday with his parents.

Miss Lillian Mortenson of Flint is spending the holidays visiting her mother, Mrs. Andrew Mortenson.

Miss Virginia Hanson, who attends school in Chicago, is spending the holiday vacation with her father, T. W. Hanson.

The toboggan slide has a dandy "take-off" all ready for

use. This has been constructed for permanent service and will not have to be taken down after the season closes. The work was done by Carl Tahvonen and his three assistants, whose work was donated for the good of the cause.

Misses Margrethe and Ella Hanson are home from Bennett School, Millbrook, N.Y., spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hanson.

Mrs. Matilda Bishop and son, Douglas of Cleveland are spending the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Foley. Other guests are Mrs. McGovern of Detroit, Miss Gertrude of Grosse Ile and her friend Philip Boucher.

Matt Bidvia of Detroit spent Christmas at his home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Goss of Fenton were Christmas guests of the latter's parents.

Miss Mildred Corwin is home from Lansing for the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Corwin and family.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Dixon on December 14th, a daughter, Sarah Leona.

The A. J. Trudeau family and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown are enjoying new Majestic radios.

Mr. and Mrs. George Biggs left Saturday to spend two weeks with their daughter, Mrs. Foryst D. Barber and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Hulger Hanson enjoyed having at their guests over Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Emil Hanson and daughter Betty and son Neil, of Detroit.

Miss Viva Hoelsi arrived last week to spend several days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Hoelsi. Miss Hoelsi is a graduate nurse of the Owosso Memorial Hospital and practices her profession in that city.

A. J. Joseph and family enjoyed a visit from his brother, Sam Joseph of Detroit over Christmas.

John Bruun enjoyed having as his guest over Christmas, Elmer R. Schoenlehen of Lansing.

Guests at the C.B. Johnson home for the holidays are Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bosworth of Bay City and Carl Johnson.

Miss Ruby Stephan, who is employed in Toledo, visited over Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Stephan.

Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Wascott and daughter Miss Helen of Ypsilanti are holiday guests of her mother, Mrs. J. K. Hanson.

Paul Rasmussen is ill at his home and his son Einer came up from Saginaw to see him.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Gross of Detroit visited over Christmas with relatives here, guests at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Swanson.

59 YEARS AGO
December 28, 1905

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Believe In Santa Claus

(By Jaymee Seidel)

Several Christmases ago a television station in our area asked parents to respond to the question: "Do you welcome Santa Claus into your home at Christmas?" They read replies from viewers, and quite a few parents expressed the opinion that children should not be fed a bunch of fairy-tale dreams, and that Santa was dying.

The idea! NOT LET SANTA IN! Might as well tear up the flag and toss out Mom's apple pie recipe.

Santa Claus is the very essence of Christmas. He is love, to a child too young to grasp the Bethlehem story.

Santa is the trinity made understandable to a three-year-old: A benevolent Father, with the means and generosity to provide for a whole world full of children; the Son, a self-giving fellow who finds his happiness in sharing and doing for others. And he's the very Spirit of Christmas, the feeling that brings laughter bubbling up inside us, but smiles on our lips unbidden, and colors every unselfish act throughout the year.

Not tell kids there's a Santa? I guess it all depends on what you think the old fellow is to childhood: the One Big Lie, or the One Magnificent Secret. As for me, I'm the sort who will always look twice any time there's a shadow across the moon on Christmas Eve...because I've never really become convinced he doesn't exist.

Yes, I can live a while longer in this dark, old world with its wars and poverty, disease and inflation, as long as I know that somewhere children are hoping that, maybe...for just one magic wonderful night, every child in the world might have his wish come true.

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The promise and expectations kindled by the birth of the infant Jesus have burned in the hearts of Christian men and women everywhere for nearly 2,000 years. As revolutionary changes in every field of human endeavor rocked civilization, Christianity also grew, molding its tenets and rituals to the times. Christmas, too, became a rich blend of quaint customs over the years—mistletoe, candy canes, brightly-decorated trees, feasts of turkey and mince pie and, of course, Santa Claus. But through it all, Christ's message of love, brotherhood and everlasting life continued to inspire mankind.

This year, let us make a vow that we will allow the Christmas spirit to take root in each of us and grow there year-round. For if every individual would make a conscious effort, maybe "peace on earth and goodwill toward men" would become more than just a dream.

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Christmas uncanceled

There was a Christmas, long ago, when my little boy told me he loved me more than Batman. Ah.

You may remember my brilliant suggestion, made 2 months ago, that President Ford could save the world by cancelling Christmas this year. And you have probably noticed he paid no attention to me. Neither did my family.

Thousands of starving people have been advised by President Ford to clean up their plates. This nation is choking on Arab oil but won't quit gulping it at 70 mph. Statistics prove disaster is as inevitable as overpopulation but world leaders continue to condemn birth control and doctors dispense fertility pills that produce 6 babies at a pop. Hordes of auto workers can convert their lunch-buckets into terrariums but the government keeps building freeways between Holiday Inns.

And so it goes. Everything is a mess.

President Ford said it would help to save energy and eliminate waste. He asked for suggestions on how to do it. I told him to cancel this Christmas. The money saved on unread H.L. Mark verse, unwanted toilet kits and unfilled wassail bowls would be enough to buy Saudi Arabia and move it to New Jersey in hour glasses.

And I told my family we would observe the holiday by sitting around the stump of last year's Christmas tree, singing "Brother Can You Spare a Dime?" and taking turns biting the same bullet.

I was not surprised that President Ford didn't respond to my brilliant idea. As pointed out last week, he can't hear a thing with that football helmet on. But my family's reaction was something else. As family breadwinner and Lord of All I Survey, I had at least expected a fair hearing. Negative, nix and never. My brilliant idea didn't have a prayer. My wife and

kids simply refused to believe I could possibly be serious.

So December at our house this year has been the same as every year. Every time the doorbell rings it's the United Parcel man with more packages ordered by my wife, the catalog queen of the world. I write checks with my head turned for fear I'll see the balance. And my wife cried when the first card arrived. It brought Season's Best Wishes from the Sun Life Assurance Co.

"I love Christmas because I love to give things to people I love," my wife said lovingly, "and you and President Ford are not going to ruin it for me."

"If you don't give me a present I'll take back what I said about you and Batman," said my little boy who is now a 6-footer whose hero is something called Frank Zappa.

So here I am, a Scrooge trapped in a family of elves. I don't want any presents (except maybe that new golf novel by Dan Jenkins). And I wasn't going to give any presents. Except there has already been this holiday moment...

It was early in the morning and I thought I was the only one stirring. But then I heard soft little steps and I remembered the grandchildren were visiting. It was Melissa, the 2-year-old steam shovel. She'd had a nightmare and she was scared and she climbed into my lap and wrapped her chubby arms around my neck. Usually she won't stick to one spot for 2 seconds but this time she stayed and stayed.

Melissa let me rub her back and snuggle her neck and whisper foolish things I wouldn't want overheard in the Alibi Bar. She clung warmly and her wispy hair tickled my nose.

And she said yes when I asked her if she loved me more than Batman.

I think I will give her a Christmas present. And I wish I could give all of you the feeling Melissa gave to me. †

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LeRoy, Sally, Dale Papendick

School Activities Calendar

(Clip and Save)

Week of December 27 to January 2

Saturday, December 28

Open Wood Shop in the High School wood shop.

Sunday, December 29

Open Gym in the Grayling Middle School from 1 to 4 p.m.

Monday, December 30

The Varsity Basketball Team will practice in the Middle School Gym from 1 to 6 p.m.

The Girl's Volleyball Team will practice in the High School Gym from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

The Wrestling Team and the Freshmen Basketball Team will practice in the High School Gym from 1 until 4 p.m.

There will be Open Volleyball for adults in the Middle School Gym from 7:30 until 10:00.

The Frederic Baptist Church will host a Recreation Night in the Frederic Gym from 7:30 until 10:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 31

The Varsity Basketball Team will practice in the Middle School Gym from 1 until 6 p.m.

The Girl's Volleyball Team will practice in the High School Gym from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

The Freshmen Basketball Team and the Wrestling Team will practice in the High School Gym from 1 to 4 p.m.

Wednesday, January 1

The Varsity Basketball Team will practice in the Middle School Gym from 1 until 6 p.m.

The Freshmen Basketball Team will practice in the High School Gym from 1 until 4 p.m.

There will be Independent Basketball in the Middle School Gym from 7:30 until 10:00 p.m.

Thursday, January 2

The Varsity Basketball Team will practice in the Middle School Gym from 1 until 6 p.m.

The Girl's Volleyball Team will practice in the High School Gym from 10:00 a.m. until noon.

The Wrestling Team will practice in the High School Gym from 1 until 4 p.m.

The Freshmen Basketball Team will take on the Freshmen from Cheboygan at 6:30 p.m. in the High School Gym.

Senior Citizens Center

(Clip and Save)

Week of December 27th through January 3rd

Friday, December 27th

12:00 Dinner (soup, salad, macaroni & cheese, fish, broccoli, garlic bread, apple pie).

12:30 Sing-a-long, June Feldhauser at the piano.

7:30 Cards - pinocle or buncle - everyone invited.

Sunday, December 29th

7:30 Bingo - everyone 18 years of age and older welcome.

Monday, December 30th

12:00 Dinner (soup, tossed salad, goulash, buttered corn, wheat muffins, dumplings cake).

12:30 Games.

Tuesday, December 31st

10:00 Needlepoint.

12:00 Dinner (beef broth, tropical salad, ham, candied yams, asparagus, rolls, date nut pudding).

12:30 Religious Discussion - Rev. Robert Haskel, speaker.

8:00 p.m. - New Year's Eve Party at the Center. \$3.00 a person or \$5.00 a couple.

Wednesday, January 1st

NEW YEAR'S DAY - CENTER CLOSED

Thursday, January 2nd

10:00-3:00 - Health Clinic - Elsie Larson, R.N. and Betty Gravelin, L.P.N.

10:00 - Crafts - making wall plaques.

12:00 - Dinner (juice, cole slaw, baked chicken, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, bread, rice pudding).

12:30 - Games.

1:00 - Bowling - Legion Lanes.

Friday, January 3rd

12:00 Dinner (soup, orange salad, meat loaf, au gratin potatoes, creamed peas, mufin, cherry cheese pie).

12:30 - Movies.

7:30 - Cards - pinocle, buncle - everyone invited.

TRIPS:

January 10th - Shrine Circus, Saginaw.

January 15th - Mystery Trip. Call the Center for more details.

How many would like to go to Cocoa Beach, Florida for two weeks in March?

your week ahead by DR. A.W. DAMIS

Forecast Period: December 29 to January 4

ARIES

Mar. 21 - Apr. 19

Your relationship with the opposite sex, takes on a strange twist. You might be forced to weigh your affairs of heart against the friendship of an associate.

TAURUS

Apr. 20 - May 20

Facing reality becomes a major problem, during this week's cosmic cycle. Many under your sign might attempt to renew unproductive emotional ties. Let bygones be bygones!

GEMINI

May 21 - June 20

There's good news heading your way. It seems as though routine associates or co-workers will lift undesirable responsibilities from your shoulders. You'll receive long deserved recognition.

MOONCHILD

June 21 - July 22

A little bit of luck could get you into a whole lot of trouble. For example? You might parlay a small monetary gain into a long term debt.

LEO

July 23 - Aug. 22

This week, don't rely on experience, too long gained in the past... to be of use. Actually, you might attempt to employ outdated methods to solve current problems.

VIRGO

Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

Adverse aspects caution against your reacting to the opposite sex's overtures. Remember, it's patience that makes the difference between the spider and fly.

LIBRA

Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

The shortest distance between two points is a straight line? Not true! The sailboat is a good example. Approach an unhappy associate with tact, circumvent the main and explosive issue.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Your greatest thoughts, concentration and mental efforts will be focused on future events. Bluntly, you might put too much emphasis on "things that will never come!"

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22 - Dec. 21

Make certain that a minor setback doesn't snowball into an overall attitude of embitment; stick with the Holiday spirit. Don't expect perfection for an associate.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22 - Jan. 19

No matter how tempting a new proposition might seem... don't shift horses in midstream. Stay on course with your long term plans, things will materialize this week.

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

This week, especially, consider yourself as a personality—aside from all others. Don't align your opinions with the beliefs of your associates. Your chart shows highly productive ideas.

PISCES

Feb. 19 - Mar. 20

A single minded person, who can't see beyond their own existence will attempt to pin you down with their personal problems. Schedule your time for productive things.



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Grayling Township Board

Regular Meeting
December 10, 1974

Members present: Fowler, Gardiner, Hallett, Millikin, Wieland. Others present: Homer Shively, Robert Proctor.

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. The minutes of the last regular meeting and special meeting were approved as printed. Treasurers report was approved as given.

Homer Shively and Robert Proctor met to discuss the Class C-SS license and dance permit at Grayling Red Barn, Inc. If a new license is required, an application was recommended for issuance to be located at the SW'ly corner of M-72 and M-93.

Township Board showed no objection to a SDD license to be used in conjunction with a SDM license at the Down River Pines on M-72 East. An agreement between the County of Crawford, City of Grayling, and Township of Grayling establishing a policy relative to payment of the expenditures of the Air Port was adopted.

Board was informed that the light on Old Lake Road and M-72 West is being moved to the new intersection.

A letter from the State Construction Code Commission regarding the requirements and inspections of premanufactured units was reviewed. Invoices from P. H. Williams & Son, Inc. for construction on the Fire Hall in the amount of \$19,892.95 was accepted, our share - 50% was approved for payment, and in addition interest in the amount of 5% per annum, will be paid the City of Grayling from the time of disbursement of said payment until allocated funds are available from the Township. All furnishings purchased for the new fire hall should stay within the Fire Operating Budget for the 1974-75 fiscal year.

Authorization for the Supervisor, Clerk and Treasurer to attend the MTA Convention on January 8, 9 and 10 in Grand Rapids was granted.

Approval of the green box transfer stations was received from the State.

A donation of \$250.00 to Grayling Winter Sports Association, Inc. was made.

Treasurers tax collection bonds are provided by the County.

Request from WGRY for a street light was received and tabled at this time.

Salary for the deputy treasurer was set at \$3.00 per hour.

The bills as presented on vouchers 1073 through 1101 in the amount of \$5335.45 were approved.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Elizabeth H. Wieland, Township Clerk

from HISTORY'S SCRAPBOOK

DATES AND EVENTS FROM YESTERYEARS

December 27, 1945—Great Britain, the Soviet Union and the United States announce they will govern Korea as joint trustees for the next five years—then grant independence.

December 28, 1869—Labor Day is observed for the first time in American history.

December 29, 1845—Texas becomes the Union's 28th state.

December 30, 1936—Members of the United Automobile Workers begin a strike that is to last 44 days and involve over 100,000 workers.

December 31, 1879—Thomas Edison displays his incandescent lamp for the first time in Menlo Park, California.

January 1, 1902—Michigan defeats Stanford 49-0 in the first Rose Bowl at Pasadena, California.

School Board Minutes

December 16, 1974

The regular meeting of the Crawford AuSable School Board was called to order by President Joseph at 7:30 p.m. on December 16, 1974 at the School Board Office.

Members present: William Joseph, Robert Smock, Dave Wyman, James Madill, James Kolka, Members absent: Gwen Johnson, James Duley. Also present: Supt. Dean, Bus. Mgr. Lerg, Mike Branch, Chuck Fick, George Olson.

The November 18 minutes should be corrected to read: We authorize the superintendent to investigate and purchase four stock buses. Approved as corrected.

The December 2 minutes should be corrected to read: We authorize the December 2 minutes should be amended to list board members on planning committee as Smock, Duley, Joseph. Approved as corrected.

Moved by Kolka, supported by Wyman that General Fund checks 148-263 for \$102,199.05 be approved. Motion carried all voting aye.

Moved by Kolka, supported by Smock that Building and Site #2 checks 752-779 for \$5,461.29 be approved. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Discussion on picture money followed.

Discussion on Educational Rights and Privacy Act held.

Discussion on Administration Salary Formula held.

Moved by Smock, supported by Wyman that a special school board meeting be held on January 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the School Board Office. Motion passed, all voting aye.

Discussion on Citizens Committee held.

Discussion on Frederic School held.

Moved by Kolka, supported by Smock that the regular January 20 school board meeting be held at the Frederic Elementary School. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Motion by Kolka, supported by Wyman that the resolution pertaining to PL 874 be made a part of the minutes authorizing application for federal monies.

Discussion on football program held.

Moved by Smock, supported by Kolka to buy tractor. Motion carried, all voting aye.

Discussion of architects' proposal held.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 by acclamation.

Booster Club Minutes

December 4, 1974

Members present: Auman, Hull, Bielski, O'Mara, Chapp, Wolfenbarger, McIsaac, Montague and Miller. Members absent: Kaiser, (excused), Case, McEvers, Arwood.

Guests: Ron Jones, Chum Longworth, Ken Gothro, Jack Mason, Joe Stripe, Fred Reichelderfer.

Due to the absence of Kaiser, no treasurer's report was given.

Minutes of November meeting read and accepted.

Auman reported that the equipment approved for the school recreation program had been ordered and paid for.

The floor was granted to Mr. Longworth who reported to the board on the activities planned for the annual Winter Sports Carnival by the Grayling Festivals Inc. Organization. He requested the Boosters Club to put on a fireworks display the night of Saturday, February 8, 1975.

The floor was turned over to Mr. Stripe, representing Grayling Winter Sports, Inc., who advised the group of the organizations plans to operate the ski facilities at Bear Mt. He requested assistance from the club to help defray expenses which are expected to approximate \$7000 over and above fees.

McIsaac reported to the board on the recommendation to the special committee as to the disposition of the monies which had built up in the special savings account. He reported that the recommendation was to retain the account as is to be earmarked to be used toward the planned community swimming pool. Motion by O'Mara, second by Hull to accept the recommendation. Motion carried.

The floor was turned over to Mr. Jones, representing the 4-H Club, who asked for assistance and information in obtaining leaders for the 4-H Club on a volunteer basis. It was agreed to supply Mr. Jones with a set of self sticking address labels of club members for his use in mailing request letters.

McIsaac reported that the Memorial Fund had grown to approximately \$1300. Jack Hull reported that he and his wife, Pam, had volunteered to take over the responsibilities of maintaining the fund. Their offer was accepted.

Auman reported that the regular jackets had been received, however, the new winter jackets had been back-ordered.

Auman read a letter, directed to Harry Miller, from the principal of the Norway High School, requesting information and assistance in the organization. It was decided that Miller would answer the request, advising that members would be glad to meet with him at a time and place of mutual convenience.

Auman asked for discussion concerning the request of Grayling Festivals, Inc., regarding the fireworks display. The board decided that no monies be expended toward the project as it was not in keeping with the by-laws of the club. (Directing efforts toward youth).

Auman asked for discussion concerning the request of Grayling Winter Sports, Inc., for assistance in defraying expenses of operating the ski facilities at Bear Mt. After lengthy discussion, a motion was made by McIsaac, second by Bielski, to donate \$1500 to the project. Motion carried.

The floor was turned over to Jack Mason who advised the board that the manager of the Red Barn had offered the facilities to the club for a money making project to help regain the donation to the ski park. McIsaac volunteered to chair the project. After discussion, the offer was accepted.

Auman asked the board for discussion concerning the placing of an ad in the Avalanche which would advise the residents of the projects of the club to date. Motion by O'Mara, second by Bielski, to place the ad. Motion carried.

Auman reminded the board that the club will once again need volunteers to construct and maintain the skating rink located at the football practice field.

Auman advised the board that the next scheduled regular meeting of the board falls on New Years Day. After discussion, it was agreed to hold the meeting on the following Wednesday, January 8, 1975.

Being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Legal Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN
In the Circuit Court for
the County of Crawford.
Raymond Christian, Plaintiff,
vs. Joanne Christian, Defen-
dant.

ORDER TO ANSWER. At a session of said court held in the Courthouse, in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, on the 26th day of November, 1974.

PRESENT: THE HONORABLE DANIEL F. WALSH, CIRCUIT JUDGE.

On the 24th day of October, 1974, an action was filed by Raymond Christian, Plaintiff, against Joanne Christian, Defendant, in this court, to obtain a divorce.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the defendant, Joanne Christian, shall answer or take such other action as may be permitted by law on or before the 2nd day of January, 1975. Failure to comply with this order will result in a judgment by default against such defendant for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this court. Daniel F. Walsh, Circuit Judge 5-12-19-26

Legal Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN
Probate Court for
the County of Crawford.
Estate of Alice F. Chappel,
deceased.

It is Ordered that on February 14, 1975, at 10:00 a.m., in the Probate Courtroom at the City of Grayling, Michigan a hearing be held on the petition of Dale Chappel praying that administration of said estate be granted to John B. Huss or some other suitable person and that a determination be made by the Court of the heirs-at-law of said deceased. In addition, a hearing will be held at which time all creditors of the decedent are required to prove their claims. Creditors must file sworn statements of their claims with the Court and serve a copy on John B. Huss, Route 2, Box 2096, Grayling, Michigan 49738, prior to or at the time of such hearing. In addition, a hearing will be held on the petition of the administrator of the estate for the allowance of his first and final accounting, assignment of the residue of the estate and filing of an order closing the said estate.

Publication and service shall be made as provided by Statute and Court Rule.

Dated: December 4, 1974
Emil L. Kraus,
Judge of Probate

John B. Huss,
Attorney for Petitioner
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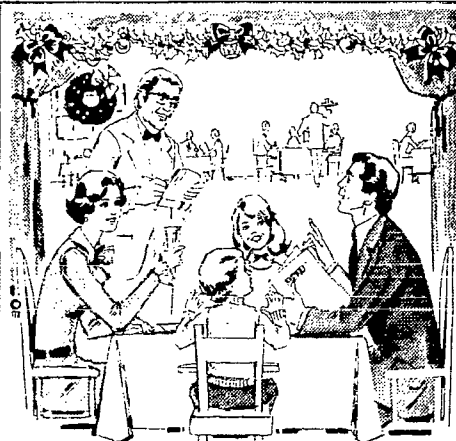
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Bits O' Talk

by Fay Bovee

Billie Bovee of Saugerties, N. Y. arrived Saturday and Dena Bovee of Ann Arbor arrived Tuesday to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bovee.

April Thayer of Ferris State College arrived December 20th for the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Art Thayer. Sherrill Thayer has been confined to Munson Hospital and at home for an extended time recuperating from pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Vern Essenberg and family of Frankfort, Ill. are spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Larson.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Lowe of Onsted are spending the holidays visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lovely and Mrs. Cloya Lowe.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Dawson of Ferris State and CMU are spending the holidays here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. DeVere Dawson and Mr. Jack Feldhauser.

7th-8th Graders Defeat Gaylord

The Grayling 7th and 8th grade basketball teams opened the season at home Wednesday night at the middle school gym, nailing the Blue Devils of Gaylord. Both games kept the crowd on the edge of their seats as the Grayling 7th grade team defeated Gaylord 37-36 in overtime; and the 8th grade team defeated Gaylord 32-30.

In the 7th grade game, with all players seeing action, George Bindischel led all scorers with 13 points. George was followed by Todd Dunkley and Rocky Tobin with 10 points each. It was Bindischel's free throw in overtime that proved to be the deciding point in the game. However, fine play on the part of the entire team was responsible for the win.

In the 8th grade contest, scoring was spread over a number of players. Scott Johnston led the Vikings with 5 points on two field goals and a free throw, while Metzger, Parkinson, Harwood, Olson, and Winger each had 4 points.

The coaching staff appreciated the large turnout for this first game. The next contest will find the Vikings invading the Johannesburg gym on Monday, January 6th at 6:30 p.m.

From the teams and their coaches, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

District Court

The following persons appeared before Judge Francis L. Walsh last week in District Court:

Joan E. Thomson, 23, of Highland Park demanded preliminary examination to a charge of possession of amobarbital and ethchlorvynol and a personal bond of \$2,000.00 was set. She was arrested by the City Police December 14th.

Ivan B. Balazs, 31, of Highland Park demanded preliminary examination to a charge of possession of amphetamine and ethchlorvynol and a cash/surety bond of \$2,250 was set. He was arrested by the City Police December 14th.

Michael J. Lesnoff, 20, of Highland Park demanded preliminary examination to a charge of possession of pentobarbital and a cash/surety bond of \$750.00 was set. He was arrested by the City Police December 14th.

William H. Pickard, 24, of Columbus, Ohio entered a plea of Nolo Contendere to a charge of unlawful use of marijuana and was sentenced to a fine of \$204 or 30 days in jail. He was arrested by the City Police December 14th.

Frederick W. Raybould, 17, of Grayling demanded preliminary examination to a charge of breaking and entering and a cash/surety bond was set at \$500. He was arrested on a citizen's complaint December 14th.

Daryl Bunker, 17, of Grayling demanded preliminary examination to a charge of breaking and entering and a cash/surety bond of \$2,500.00 was set. He was arrested on a citizen's complaint December 14th.

Jack Pine's Stump

"Blessed are they who see Christmas through the eyes of a child. Let this be your gift at Christmas." Such is the "sentiment" on two cards which came to my house yesterday. Although the words were the same, the cards were totally different - with one exception. Both of these beautiful cards represented contributions to associations for the retarded. One for "Children" and the other for "Citizens." Of course, there isn't any difference. I'm sure that Jesus, whose birthday we are celebrating, didn't make a distinction between kids and citizens, and certainly not between the so-called "retarded" and the rest of us who haven't yet been categorized. But the important thing to me is that the people who buy these sort of cards (and in this case, both local care about others - and I guess that is what Christmas should be all about. Unfortunately, in our present-day society, such is not the case. It's sort of degenerated into a "Whaddamionnaget?" thing, not "What am I going to Give?" Originally, the idea of giving at Christmas was supposed to be a personal recognition of the birth of the Christ Child in that cold manger in Bethlehem many years ago. But how many, as they rip, tear, or gently, open their gifts, will think of Jesus and what the whole thing is all about? If everyone of us did, maybe, just maybe, we could look in a mirror and say, "I did something important for someone else, just as long as the Manger did so long ago."

-JP-

I remember, as a child, we always "had our Christmas" very early in the morn of the 25th - a happening which I am sure our parents considered less than fortunate for them. Then we went to Church, which none of us wanted to do, but was done because it was "proper." I don't imagine things have changed much in the last 40-odd years. Later, when I had my own family, things were a bit different - due, mainly, to my very religious wife and flock of religiously-dedicated kids. We'd let them open an "early" present on Christmas Eve, then put the whole bunch to bed, stupidly assuming that they would sleep soundly until it was time to wake them and dress them for Midnight Mass - which we had to attend some 14 miles away. Once in a while one of them would stay awake during the service, but not very often. But come six a.m., you better believe that they were wide awake and bushy-tailed! Mom and Dad needed about ten hours more sleep, but Mom had to cook dinner and Dad usually patrolled the "Monsters" so they wouldn't destroy their gifts in three hours. Later, as they became older, it was different, and religion and Christmas became more important. Now we're scattered all over...one boy somewhere in the Pacific on a Navy ship, one in Colorado, three in Minnesota with their Mom and one here in Grayling. And a daughter in Elmwood Cemetery - who, believe me, will not be forgotten on Christmas.

-JP-

Recently a friend said to me that he hoped I wouldn't write a column about those who were forgotten at Christmas. He explained by saying that "everyone" writes about that sort of thing. Well, maybe he's right, but I don't think so, and I do wish to ask remembrances for those who are in the hospital, those who have to care for them, the police and fire officials who have to be on duty, the guards at the various places in town, County employees who may have to plow if we get a bunch of snow, the lonely widowers and widows, those whose kids are away, the restaurant and gas station employees who will have to work and the dead. But mostly, I guess, for the elderly whose only Christmas will be memories of "Christmas Past." And I personally thank God for those who work so hard at Ausagra Acres and thank those dedicated people for what they are doing.

-JP-

Anyway, neither my Grayling son nor I sent any cards this year, but we both wish you a



happy holiday season and hope that you have remembered the forgotten in the way which you feel is best. For, after all, as was said on a birthday card I received last month, "The love we give away is the only love we keep." And may God love you.

JACK PINE

CARD OF THANKS

A Big Thank you and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to Drs. Blaha, Rosi and Hunter, and to the efficient staff of Grayling Mercy Hospital.

Thanks also to the Grayling Sheriff's Dept. for their prompt ambulance service.

Edward Zerbes
Lake Margrethe



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Arnie and Bernie Mauren

Hospital News

Among the patients at Mercy Hospital as of last Friday were the following: June Feldhauser, Bonita Huffman, Peggy Keilior, Paul Loeffler, Linda Ray, Sydney Robarge, Ruth Robertson, Otto Rostow, Joseph Searles, Peter Stephan and Hattie Worden. All of Grayling; John Wakeley of Frederic and Arthur Howe of Roscommon.

WOTM News

There was a meeting held on December 2nd, and with no new enrollment, we adjourned to the basement for our annual Christmas exchange.

On December 8th the Academy of Friendship held their Christmas party at Gladys Fischer's and were pleased with a good turnout.

Sorry Pat for not announcing that you won the 30-30 rifle on November 14th.

On December 16th, we held our regular meeting.

Gladys Fischer's stepfather died and we put on the luncheon following the funeral, Wednesday, December 18th.

Jean Ann Gardiner,
Publicity Chairwoman

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Avalanche Notice

In order to give our staff a little extra time off during the holiday season, the Avalanche office will be closed all day on Tuesday, December 24th, and also Tuesday, December 31st.

First Cards
John Cabot Hursley designed the first known Christmas cards as examples for Sir Henry Cole in Britain, 1842.

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Empathy Training Session To Be Held In January

A special, 20 hour weekend empathy training session will be made available free of charge to a maximum of 30 people in the seven county region of Grand Traverse, Leelanau, Benzie, Wexford, Missaukee, Crawford and Kalkaska.

Those people working directly with substance abuse related problems will receive first priority for the training. But, others who would benefit from the training would include teachers, social workers, doctors, nurses, other professionals and agency personnel.

Empathy training is designed to provide a better working knowledge of interpersonal communication skills as they apply to helping people clarify and understand feelings and sources of their feelings.

The training is being provided by the DYMATION Training Corporation, who has been contracted by District #1 and Tri-County Health Departments' Comprehensive Substance Abuse Program. The Third Level Substance Abuse Programs of Traverse City will be coordinating the setting up of the training.

Third Level provides empathy training to the general community for a fee of \$30 per individual for anyone interested in receiving the training but unable to attend this special session to be held January 3, 4, and 5, 1975.

Place: Traverse City State Hospital Nursing Education Building, (Above the Canteen).

Time: Important!!! You must be able to attend training for the entire session! Friday, January 3, 1975-Starts promptly at 7:30 p.m. 'til about 11 p.m. Saturday, January 4, 1975-10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lunch, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday, January 5, 1975-10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Lunch, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Trainees will be responsible for their own transportation, food and any lodging.

FREDERIC HOBBY CLUB

The Frederic Hobby Club had their Christmas party December 14 at the Frederic Inn, with 27 members and guests present. After a delicious dinner, gifts were exchanged.

The Frederic Inn donated the center piece, which was won by Art Lozon.

The next meeting will be January 9 at the town hall, with Mrs. Betty Christie as hostess.

There will be a Fashion 220 demonstration by Mrs. Uppy Graham.

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Vikings

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the field.

The Viking JV's are still looking for victory number one following their 58-42 defeat at the hands of the little Ramblers.

Randy McClain with 16 points was top man for coach Tom Mills JV's, with Mike Money hitting for 7. Al Johnston 6, Bill Dean 5, Tom Weideman 4, Mike Schitte 3, and Perry Papendick 2, finishing out the scoring.

The little Ramblers had two high scorers, with Greg Upton hitting for 23, and Ted Beyer right behind with 22.

Pack 993 Activities

Oh, busy, busy, busy we have been! Two months and no article for the paper.

In November we had our annual Cake Bake and Auction, night. And what a success, Mr. Vern Geiber came over from Mio and gave us a hand. He told us all about how he got started and where he went to Auction school. We even tried learning what he had to learn to be an auctioneer. Something like "The little black bug bit the big brown bear and the bear got mad and bit him back." It was fun and we took in enough money to re-register the Pack for another year.

Our December Pack Meeting was another fun night with lots of singing and jolly old St. Nick dropped in on us and gave us goodies out of his bag. Mrs. Linda Townsend, whom we called Christmas Carol, led us in song and accompanied us on the piano. The Scout-made decorations, which we used to decorate our tree, were taken down and put up in the Extended Care patients rooms at Mercy Hospital.

Scouting this year has been exceptional due to people like our Christmas Carol, jolly St. Nick, and our Auctioneer who drove thirty five miles one way just to help us out. We, as leaders, and our Cubs, really appreciate it.

January will be our Inspection Month. This is a good time to make sure our uniforms are in top shape. Remember, a clean and neat used uniform is much better than a dirty, sloppy new one.

Looking ahead to February, we have our Blue and Gold Banquet with lots of goodies and some kind of entertainment. So plan ahead and keep Scouting in mind. February is also Boy Scout birthday and Scout Sunday. More on this later.

A friendly thought: "You cannot do a kindness too soon, for you never know how soon it will be too late." Ralph Waldo Emerson.

Happy Holidays!
LeRoy Rettell

Bits O' Talk

by Fay Bovee

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Nunn and family are spending several days this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clifton Nunn in Rochester.

Mr. and Mrs. Lon Qualls joined the charter flight with the group from Central Michigan University and attended the Camillia Bowl in Sacramento.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Jensen of Troy are spending Christmas Day with the Jim McClain family and they will be vacationing at a cottage at Otsego Lake for a week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Krausz of Portland visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Robertson last week.

Mrs. Beulah Moore is spending Christmas with the Tom Douglas family at Silver Lake near Traverse City.

Mary Liz McNamara of Kalamazoo College arrived December 12 and Mike McNamara of Ferris State College arrived December 20 to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Larry McNamara.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Veitengruber of Oakland, Cal., visited his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Larry McNamara, the week before last.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Carlson and family of Oak Park are here to spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Don Gothro and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Russ Carlson. Other guests over Christmas of Mrs. Gothro were another daughter, and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clayton of Okemos.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Gross are spending Christmas Day with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Branch.

John Decker and family of Grand Blanc arrived December 17th to spend until the 23rd with his grandmother, Mrs. William Krage.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Perry and children of Lowell are spending the 24th and 25th here visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Barbara LaRush and Mrs. Arnold Hubbell and Susan. They celebrated Kelly Perry's 5th birthday on December 24th.

BOWLING

National League, 2nd Division.
1. Legion Lanes 34
2. Cornell Ins. & Realty 33 1/2
3. Grayling V. W. 33
4. H & H Sports 26
5. Carl's Grocery 23
6. General Telephone 22 1/2
7. Fuelgas 19
8. Sam's Auto Parts 17
High Game: R. Helsel, Jr., 224; J. Rasmussen, 223; P. Mead, 200.
High Series: R. Helsel, Jr., 563; J. Rasmussen, 557; M. Ingalls, 552.

Recreation League
1. Mill Town Realty 40 1/2
2. R & H Sport Center 38
3. Bay City Times 36
4. Olson's 35
5. Legion Lanes 35 1/2
6. Coe's Market 35 1/2
7. Grayling Bank 33 1/2
8. Lovells Bar 31 1/2
9. Dingman's Tavern 29
10. Ski Whiz Snowmobiles 27 1/2
11. Recreational 26
12. Wag-On-Inn 26
13. Pine Aire Motel 25
14. Kozy Korner's 22
15. Glen's Market 22
16. Bill's Laundry 12
High Series: B. Sy, 503; B. Kinsman, 461; M. Harwood, 477.
High Game: A. Latusek, 197; B. Sy, 190; E. Howlett, 183.

A Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year to the Recreation League bowlers and their families.

Senior Citizen Bowling League
1. Gambles 36 1/2
2. Mac's Drugs 29
3. Glen's Market 29
4. Larry & Joan's Place 27
5. R & H Sports 23 1/2
6. First Savings 23
High Series: Men: D. Cook, 546; E. J. Cooper, 512; T. Tosto, 508.
High Game: Men: T. Tosto, 225; G. Foltz, 212; M. Clark, 200.

High Series: Women: M. Foltz, 484; L. Hendee, 436; L. Davis, 426.
High Game: Women: M. Foltz, 173; E. Haas, 162; L. Davis, 156.

AF Citation To Col. Steger



EL SEGUNDO, Calif.—Colonel Michael J. Steger—whose foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bear, reside in Grayling, served as commander of an organization which recently received the Air Force Organizational Excellence Award.

Colonel Steger commanded the Space and Missile Systems Organization (SAMSO) Comptroller's Office at Los Angeles AFS from Jan. 1, 1971 to Dec. 31, 1973. The office was cited for outstanding service and contributions to the mission of SAMSO, the executive management agency for Department of Defense space and missile programs. The colonel is currently the SAMSO chief of staff.

Commissioned in 1949 on graduation from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, Colonel Steger later earned M.S. degrees in mathematics from Texas A&M University and in business administration from The George Washington University.

A command pilot, he is a veteran of a year's tour in Southeast Asia. He and his wife, the former Barbara A. Newsome, have five children: Linda, Shannon, Nancy, Frederick and Julia.

GRANGE POTLUCK

The Crawford County Grange will meet at Ausagra Acres on January 8, with a potluck dinner at 6:30. This will be a business and social meeting combined. You can bring friends. There will be card playing also.

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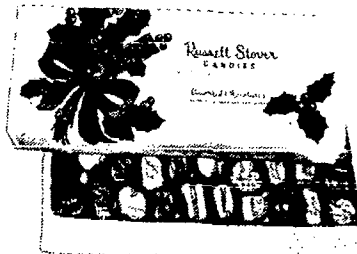
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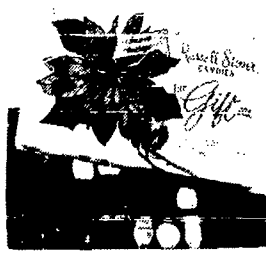
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SECTION TWO—TEN PAGES



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

"For unto us a child is born, unto us
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called Wonderful, Counsellor...The ever-
lasting Father, The Prince of Peace."

We wish you and all you hold dear a
very joyful holiday. May it be graced
with health, happiness and peace.



Cheery Greetings

Joy and laughter — that's what we prescribe for friends and neighbors. It's a sure way to a happy holiday. Warm thanks.

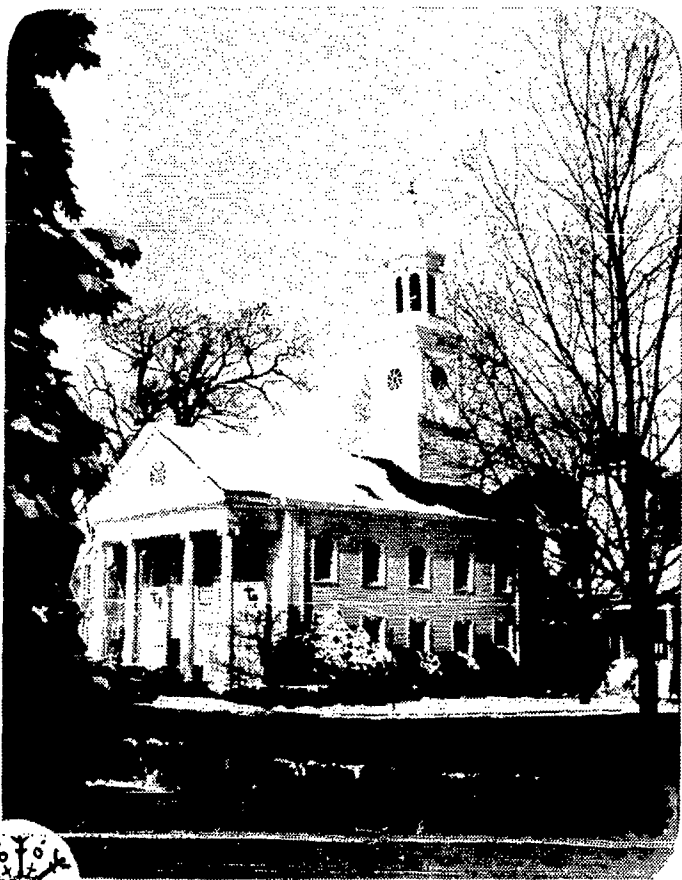
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Yule Customs of Europe's Laplanders Related to Lifestyle and Early Culture

There are today some 30,000 Laplanders of which approximately two-thirds live in Norway, one third in Sweden, and smaller numbers in Finland and Russia.

Lapps are closely associated with reindeer, on which they have depended for a large part of their livelihood since prehistoric times.

The early Lapp religion was shamanistic, featuring a priest, or shaman, who divined the secrets of good hunting, fishing, reindeer grazing, and other matters of importance to the people, while in a state of trance. Beautifully decorated "magic drums" were a means of inducing the trances and are characteristic of early Lapp culture.

CHRISTIAN CONVERSION

Large scale conversion to Christianity did not occur among the Lapps until the 17th Century. This fact combined with the excessively tough conditions of the northern winter tended to prevent the development of Christmas customs as we know them — the church



LAPLANDERS AND REINDEER, their lives intertwined by nature for hundreds of years, provide an economical balance in northernmost Europe's subarctic regions. Lifestyle of Lapp with sled-pulling reindeer is contrasted by prop-driven airplane, while another Lapp affectionately pets a reindeer upon which he so heavily depends. Photos courtesy Royal Norwegian Embassy Information Service.

gatherings, decoration of homes and trees, the giving of gifts, and elaborate feasts. The Lapps' chief festivals came in spring and autumn with the occasions of marketing, when the products of the reindeer

herds and furs from hunting were exchanged for other products. However, 17th Century manuscripts describe one Lapp Christmas custom which has a parallel in many lands and which re-

minds one of putting out cookies and milk near the chimney for Santa Claus. The old documents tell of a "sacrifice" to the "Yuletide People," spirits which were believed to fly about over the earth and which may have originated in a pre-Christian observance of the Winter Solstice.

CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

On Christmas Eve there was a fast, and the food which would have been eaten was set aside. On Christmas Day this food, including samples of everything to be eaten on Christmas, was packed in a small boat-shaped basket of birch and hung upon a tree. In this manner the Yuletide People could partake of the feast like everyone else.

In modern times, with many Lapps living a more settled life in permanent communities, the observance of Christmas is becoming indistinguishable from that of other northern Scandinavians. Today's Christmas tree among the Lapps had its forerunner in the tree-hung sacrifice to the Yuletide People.



Sending cards, shopping and gift giving are familiar parts of Christmas to Americans, but people of other countries celebrate the holiday season in many different ways.

In Armenia holiday customs are primarily religious, with the week before Christmas devoted to strict fasting. The fasting ends with Christmas communion after which each young man gives his sweetheart a special gift to show he can provide her with the necessities of life.

In Bulgarian farm communities the man of the house makes wishes for good health and good harvests on Christmas Day.

Czechoslovakians go caroling is popular at this time of the year and young girls play games to foretell the kind of husband they will have and where he will come from.

Christmas Eve (or nochebuena) is a night of gaiety for the Puerto Ricans. The feast that follows midnight mass consists of roast pig or asopao — a chicken and rice dish.

In Rumanian villages one of the most charming holiday sights is the procession of boys with six-pointed revolving star lanterns. The children gather at dusk and go through the streets and along winding lanes. They stop at each door and sing old carols about the star that shone above the stable at Bethlehem.

Test Yourself With The Christmas Quiz

See how many of these questions about Christmas subjects you can answer. Check answers below and score yourself!

1. The distance Mary and Joseph travelled from Nazareth to Bethlehem was approximately:
a) 5 miles
b) 70 miles
c) 20 miles
2. The origin of the word Noel is:
a) French
b) Spanish
c) German
3. The words manger, crèche, and crib all have the basic meaning of:
a) a cradle
b) a stable
c) a rack for feeding animals
4. The population of Bethlehem at the most recent census was:
a) 25,000
b) 11,500
c) 49,000
5. The Church of the Nativity was originally built by:
a) Roman Catholics
b) the Emperor Constantine
c) Greek Catholics
6. The actual date of Jesus' birth was:
a) December 25th
b) a date undetermined
c) January 7th
7. Mary and Joseph travelled from Nazareth to Bethlehem because:
a) Mary's home was in Bethlehem
b) The Romans were taking census
c) Joseph had work in Bethlehem
8. Reindeer are found:
a) all around the Arctic Circle
b) only in Northern Europe
c) all over the world
9. The large-scale conversion of Laplanders to Christianity occurred:
a) in the 19th Century
b) in the year 330
c) in the 17th Century
10. The best source of water in the Nazareth of Jesus' time was:
a) Mary's Well
b) the Mediterranean Sea
c) a Roman aqueduct

ANSWERS

1-b 2-a 3-b 4-b 5-b 6-b 7-b 8-a 9-c 10-b

SCORING

8 or better is excellent — go to the head of the class! 5 to 7 is average. Less than 5 — return one Christmas present!

Climate Key to Time of Holy Birth

The evidence that the journey of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem took place in the dry season, that is, before the onset of winter, depends to some extent on what we know about the climate of Palestine today, which, scholars believe, is not very different from what it was during the time of Jesus. The annual mean temperature is a pleasant enough 62.8 degrees Fahrenheit, with a range from a high of 112 degrees to a low in winter of only 12 degrees.

While the lowland plains, nearer the Mediterranean Sea, receive heavy rains from November to April, winter in the hills can bring biting frost, bitter winds and even snow.

Nazareth, the city of Jesus, was a town of some note in southern Galilee, near the western edge of the fertile plain of Esdraelon.

This area provides more clues to the time of the journey for scholars who look to the still fertile and well-watered hills of Galilee and into the less favored hill country of Judea, where the cultivation of grains, olives and vines tended to give way to the grazing of sheep, especially in the dry season.

So it can also be assumed that the holy journey was during the dry season by looking to the Bible in which Saint Luke says that in the same country were shepherds looking over their flocks.



Merry Christmas

May hearts be filled with gladness on His birthday. Thanks.

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Merry Christmas

The spirit of the season is all around. May you, and those close to you, enjoy all the warmth and good feelings that go with this holiday. We're grateful for your loyalty.

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Many Faiths Converge On Modern Bethlehem, Observe Christ's Birth

It is customary in the United States to celebrate the birth of Jesus on December 25th, the date observed by the Roman Catholic Church and most Protestant denominations, but not all Christian faiths adhere to that date.

In Bethlehem, Christ's birthplace, the Roman celebration begins on Christmas Eve, December 24th, highlighted by the traditional Midnight Mass, and continues on Christmas Day. The Greek Orthodox Church, however, observes January 7 as Christmas Day, marking the occasion with similar ceremonies. January 18th and 19th are the dates for the observance in the Armenian Church.

The three faiths have their own churches and chapels within the Basilica of the Nativity in Bethlehem and each observes Christmas on its own day with services in the Grotto of the Nativity at the exact spot where, it is believed, Jesus was born.

The separate observances are bolstered by a long history which ecumenism may find it difficult to erase. For centuries the Churches disputed possession of the sanctuary, originally built by the Roman Emperor Constantine in 330, and precedence in worshipping there. The Greek Catholics took possession of the building in 1672. The Roman Catholics have shared it since the mid-19th century with the Greeks. Armenians have their own chapel and monastery in this city of about 25,000 population.

Since the different observances all involve numbers of celebrants, processions, traffic control, and other civic problems, the authorities of Bethlehem and the surrounding area would be just as happy if Christmas were celebrated universally on one day, but it is unlikely that such unanimity will be achieved soon in the face of the different traditions.



MODERN BETHLEHEM, viewed from one of the higher bell towers in the city, retains many of its age-old customs and looks much the way it did during ancient times, despite modern vehicles which move through timeless streets. Photo courtesy Israeli Government Tourist Office.

Old Time Toys Are Coming Back

The nostalgia wave in toys is likely to mean rag dolls, trains and classic games.

Besides new items there appears to be a strong trend to the type of toys that delighted youngsters a score or more years ago. Rag dolls are an example. Raggedy Ann and Raggedy Andy have been around for about fifty years, but this year they'll have lots of friends. One company, which successfully introduced a cloth "Grandma" doll brought out a companion "Grandpa" doll. There are rag dolls named after television comedians.

Heirloom rag dolls are based on characters from children's books such as "Little Women" and "Vanity Fair." There are topsy-turvy dolls which flip upside down to become different storybook characters. Dorothy from the Wizard of Oz, for instance, becomes the Cowardly Lion when turned upside down.

In another reminder of the past a toy manufacturer brought back Tiny Tears, a crying doll which delighted little girls in the 1950's. Kewpie doll is enjoying a revival. "It represents the old-fashioned innocence that the majority of American mothers who remember the doll from their childhood—want to pass on to their children today."

The company that revived Lionel trains said production has increased more than was anticipated and the sets being manufactured to meet the demand is several thousand.

A series of jigsaw puzzles called Sports Heroes of Yesterday depicts such legendary athletes as Jim Thorpe, Babe Ruth and John L. Sullivan.

Nostalgia is a game—one that tests your remembrances of things past.

Christmas Mass—
Christmas—the name—derives from the Old English "CHRISTES MAESSE," meaning Christ's Mass. Our present spelling most likely came into use around the 16th century.



From Christmas Eve until the Eve of Epiphany, or the day before "Old Christmas," the observance of the Yuletide in Italy is of a religious nature. But on the Eve of Epiphany it is different. It was on this night that La Befana was supposed to come. She is the only one figuring in an Italian Christmas who could be compared to Santa Claus.

La Befana was a woman, and not "a right jolly old elf." She was said to possess a stern nature and a rather forbidding appearance. On Twelfth Night, or the Eve of Epiphany as it is known in Italy, she entered through the chimney and into the room where the stockings were hung. She carried a cane in one hand and a bell in the other. She announced her arrival with the bell. So, when the little children of Italy heard the bell ringing they would hurry off to sleep before Befana comes.

In the stockings of the good little girls and boys she would put gifts. But in the stockings of the bad children she would leave only bags of ashes! It was a scramble early in the morning of Epiphany to see whether their conduct had been approved or disapproved by wise Befana.

Thought For Food



Holiday Goose

Thaw goose. Preheat oven. Remove neck and giblets. Remove excess fat from body cavity and neck skin. Rinse bird and drain. Remove wings at second joint or tie flat against body. Fill neck and body cavity loosely with stuffing; fasten neck skin to back with skewer; tie legs together or tuck in hand of skin at tail. Place goose, breast side up, on rack in roasting pan; insert meat thermometer deep inside thigh muscle. Roast uncovered for 45 minutes to 1 hour in preheated 400 degree oven, no need to baste. During roasting siphon off accumulated fat and reserve for later use. After 45 minutes to 1 hour, reduce oven temperature to 325 degrees and continue roasting. Roast until thermometer in thigh registers 180 to 185 degrees F. Stuffing should register 165 degrees.

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Al & Jessie's Restaurant



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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Cornell Agency, Inc.

Paul Thomson

Best Wishes for the Holiday Season and New Year



During the Holiday Season, more than ever,
Our thoughts turn to our Friends
And spirit, we simply but sincerely...

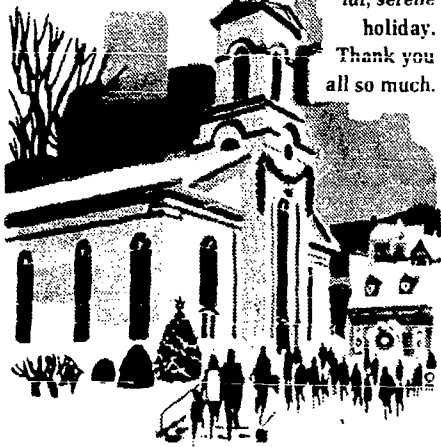
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WARM GREETINGS

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Italy Celebrates Religious Christmas
Festivities Representing Many Origins

The celebration of Christmas in Italy, perhaps more than in any other country, illustrates the multiple origins of the festivities we observe in modern times.

Christmas in Italy is primarily a religious festival, highlighted by the Christmas Novena, a series of church services on nine nights preceding Christmas and culminating in a Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve.

A feature of the observance is the display, usually from Christmas Eve to Epiphany (January 6th) of the creche or Persepio (the word means manger or stable), a Nativity scene with more or less elaborate landscaping and figures of sheep, cattle, and shepherds, as well as Mary, Joseph and the Christ Child. At Epiphany, figures of the Three Kings with their retinues, bringing gifts to the Child, are added.

These Nativity scenes originated in the thirteenth century with Saint Francis of Assisi, who decided to make the Christmas Eve Mass a re-enactment of the birth of Christ, and for many centuries they remained essentially an ecclesiastical presentation, with local churches vying for the most decorative creche. In more recent times, Nativity scenes have moved into private homes as well.

In the early years of the Christian faith, persecution made public observation of Christmas impractical, and it was not until several hundred years had passed that the birth of Christ was given an official date for celebration. It is by no means certain that December 25th is the actual anniversary of the birth of Jesus, but it was an appropriate date for the observance. It coincided with the Winter Solstice celebrations of long standing throughout the northern world, with the Roman Saturnalia, and with the Jewish Hanukkah. Festival of Lights, providing a firm historical base, familiar to everyone in the



ZAMPAGNA AND GENNARELLA are played by Italians dressed as shepherds in front of the Christmas manger at the Piazza Navona in Rome. Similar to a bagpipe, and made of sheepskin, the zampogna was used in the days of ancient Romans. The cennarella is a small flute. In a custom now fast disappearing, bagpipers from mountains of the Abruzzi and Latium come to Rome to play traditional tunes at the start of the Christmas season celebration, usually on November 29, the day commencing the Novena of the Immaculate Conception. Photo courtesy Italian State Tourist Office.

then-known world, for a major festival.

EARLY CUSTOMS

It is not surprising, therefore, that many customs derived from earlier celebrations have become a part of the Christmas observance in Italy. The coming of the Winter Solstice, marking the beginning of longer days, was observed in pre-Christian times by the decoration of houses with greens, and this custom, taking on added significance as a symbol of the rebirth of hope in the coming of Christ, is observed in Italy with sprigs of holly and mistletoe. Similarly, the seasonal giving of gifts, already traditional in the Roman custom of giving branches

picked in the grove of the goddess Strenia was appropriately converted to the giving of "Strenne," Christmas or New Year's presents, following the later tradition of the gifts of the Magi to the Christ-Child and symbolizing the gifts to mankind brought by Jesus' birth.

CHRISTMAS TREE ORIGIN

The Christmas tree, which originated in Germany, has come slowly into popularity in Italy, especially in the north, but it had its forerunner, especially around Florence, in the Ceppi, or Christmas pyramids, composed of shelves of various sizes fixed to a pole. The word "ceppo" means tree trunk and, by usage, a Christmas gift. On the shelves were placed

decorations of greens and small toys and presents.

It is possible that the ceppo may have been a replacement for the Yule log. But the burning of the Yule log, another custom of pre-Christian origin, is not unknown in Italy, where there is the pleasant legend that the Virgin Mary enters the home of the humble at midnight, when the household is at Mass, to warm her newborn Child before the blazing log.

THE FACT THAT Italy contained the capital of the Roman world and, as a logical result, the headquarters of the Christian Church, has given Christmas in Italy a particularly rich observance.

Yule Greetings Derived from European Languages

The word "Christmas" means the celebration of Christ, short for Christ's birthday.

"Noel" similarly is a shorthand word, coming to English through French from the Latin "Natalis," short for "natalis dies" or natal day. With a capital letter "Natalis" refers to Jesus' natal day.

The Italian "Natale" and Spanish "Navidad" (or Navidad) follow the same pattern. But "Weinachten," the

German word for Christmas, means Holy Night or Blessed Night and refers to the Nativity only by implication.

"Yule" is an Old English or Anglo-Saxon word for Christmas, and there are similar words with similar meanings in German and the Scandinavian languages. Originally it probably referred to a pagan winter festival and became associated with the Nativity with the onset of the Christian era.

Mae Gerhard's Gingerbread Creche Recipe
(Enough for 1 nativity set)

1/2 cup shortening	1 teaspoon soda
1/2 cup dark brown sugar (firmly packed)	1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup molasses	1 1/2 teaspoons ginger
3 1/2 cups flour (sifted)	2 teaspoons cinnamon
1/2 teaspoon vinegar	1/2 cup buttermilk

Cream shortening, sugar and molasses together. Sift flour, salt, soda and spices together. Blend into first mixture, alternating with vinegar and buttermilk. Chill for 1 hour. Roll dough out to 1/4" thickness. Use wax paper pattern and cut with a sharp knife, dipped in flour. Remove the pattern as you transfer the dough to a greased cookie sheet. Bake 10 to 15 minutes in 375° oven.

It's Holiday Time



If plans call for a small but gala holiday party, "Iceberg Noel Salad" is an elegant yet simple first-course salad which can also fit into a buffet menu. This happy combination of flavors and textures brings together crisp, green chunks of western iceberg lettuce, bright orange slices, sweet onion rings, cubes of cream cheese and shiny ripe olives, laced generously with a spicy, tart vinaigrette dressing.

Ideal as a do-ahead salad to allow you to enjoy the party along with your guests.

ICEBERG NOEL SALAD

1 medium-size head western iceberg lettuce	2/3 cup canned, pitted California ripe olives
3 medium California oranges	1/4 cup corn oil
1 small red onion, peeled and thinly sliced	4 teaspoons lemon juice
1 package (3 oz.) cream cheese	3/4 teaspoon salt
	1/4 teaspoon sugar
	1/4 teaspoon basil, crumbled
	1/2 teaspoon grated lemon peel

Core, rinse and drain lettuce thoroughly; chill in disposable plastic bag or plastic crisper. At serving time, cut lettuce in bite-size chunks. Pare oranges, removing all of white portion; cut in halves lengthwise, and in thin crosswise slices. Separate onion slices into rings. Cut cream cheese in small cubes. Combine oil, lemon juice, salt, sugar, basil and lemon peel, and shake together in small covered jar. Combine lettuce, oranges, onion, cheese and olives in large bowl; pour on dressing and toss lightly. Serve at once.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.



A merry Christmas

Choirs are singing joyous refrains. A harmonious Yule... and our thanks to one and all.

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CHARLES MOSHIER

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May your holiday be filled with peace and serenity: the quiet contentment which comes from within. Our special thanks to the patrons we serve for putting their trust in us.



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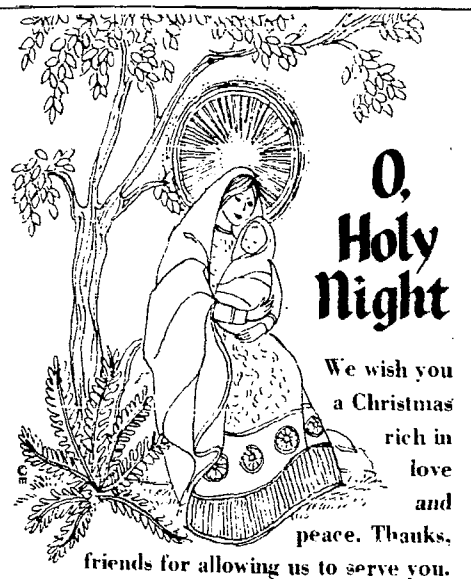


Larry and Joan's Place

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Merry Christmas

It's Yuletide Season... here's a hearty wish for the best holiday ever! Fill it with good times, high spirits, and lots of friends. It's been our pleasure to serve you. Have a happy!



O, Holy Night

We wish you a Christmas rich in love and peace. Thanks, friends for allowing us to serve you.

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DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

HAVE A "MERRY CHRISTMAS"
— DRIVE WITH CARE —



Peace... Joy

During this holy holiday, we'd like to wish all our friends a simple, lovely Christmas, filled with warmth and happiness. Our sincere thanks to all.

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Tips to Make Yule Brighter

The Christmas card made from a photograph of children or family group is highly popular as a means of bringing a sense of togetherness to relatives and friends when geographical separation makes the real thing impossible.

The best time for such pictures, naturally, is when presents are being opened and the family group is together, sharing and showing their joy in Christmas surprises.

A good second opportunity may be found when the family is gathered at the table for Christmas dinner. Other possibilities include "stockings hung by the chimney with care" and children playing, indoors or out, with new gifts.

Whatever subject you choose, better do it today — tomorrow may be too late to capture the best "shots" to share with others.

In most cases, Christmas cards become waste paper. Before you consign this year's cards to the trash can, consider removing personal messages from them and turning them over to a church or other group whose members devote their time to creating attractive scrap-books with the cards.

Many beautiful and colorful cards, carefully selected and arranged in these inexpensive and easy-to-make scrap-books, provide hours of enjoyment to older people and others whose activity is curtailed for one reason or another.

You might enjoy making a scrap-book for yourself. Whatever the case, the second life given these Christmas and greeting cards can be rewarding and useful.

Christmas novelties, glass ornaments and tinsel decorations, from America and abroad, will enjoy great popularity during the 1974 Yuletide season.

People are celebrating with more non-electrical decorations, such as ornaments made from household items, glass decor which reflects the usual home lighting, and candles, homemade or bought.

The trend represents a return to home living, a more provincial way of life. This resurgence of a country-type lifestyle and family togetherness becomes most obvious during the holidays.

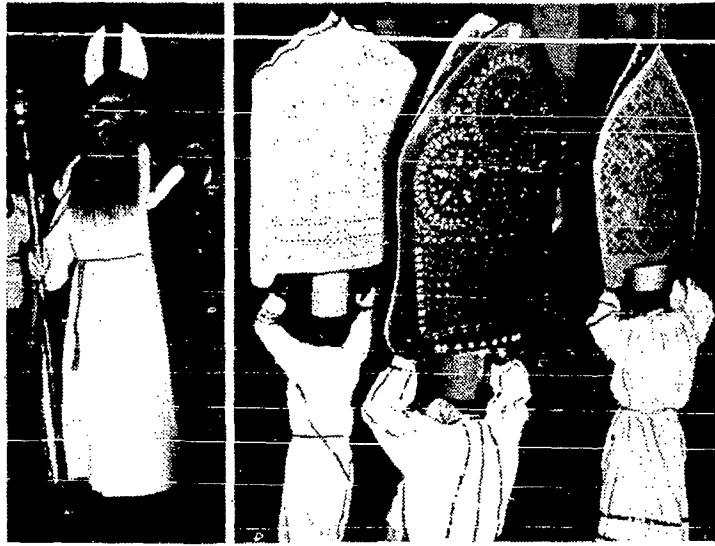
ST. NICK RESTORED

When Queen Victoria married German Prince Albert, Christmas visits of St. Nicholas (and the gift-giving) came back to England, three centuries after Henry VIII had banned the traditions when he broke away from the Catholic faith and formed the Church of England.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

In England, Christmas is said to have been observed first as a holiday in 521 A.D. when King Arthur celebrated his victory in retaking York.

'Christkindli' of Switzerland Reappears at Holy Season



St. NICHOLAS AND ESCORTS in Kuessnacht am Rigi, Central Switzerland. The figures of St. Nicholas, who on Dec. 6 goes around sometimes dressed like a venerable bishop and sometimes like a bogeyman, unite totally different characteristics. The Bishop of Myra in Asia Minor, legendary throughout Europe for his acts of charity and miraculous deeds, is represented as the saintly figure. But pre-Christian influences still appear in noisy processions and demand for tribute, characteristic of the saint's satellites. Photo courtesy Swiss National Tourist Office.

Christmas has a unique significance in the German and French speaking regions of Switzerland because the "Christkindli," or Christ Child, is believed to walk on earth during this season.

Instead of Santa Claus, the "Christkindli" represented as a beautiful, radiant, angel like being with wings carrying a magic wand and wearing a shining crown, distributes Christmas gifts and Christmas trees glittering with fanciful decorations.

Although the "Christkindli" is commonly believed to personify the Christ Child, he is sometimes represented as an angel bearing a light or a star just as an angel heralded the birth of Christ at Bethlehem. On the other hand, the "Christkindli" has some of the characteristics of a sprite, as suggested by the wand and the wings, which can be linked to pre-Christian beliefs. Some suggest he may stem from the pagan custom of representing the New Year as a radiant and beautiful child.

Like Santa, the "Christkindli" also arrives in a

sleigh drawn by reindeer, so there would appear to be some intermingling of Christmas legends here.

St. Nicholas is represented in several ways in different parts of Switzerland. In some, he is called Father Christmas and comes with his wife, Lucy (representing St. Lucy whose feast day is December 13) to distribute gifts. He wears the traditional Santa Claus costume, while Lucy wears a round cap over her long braids, a laced bodice and a fancy apron.

In the central part of Switzerland, St. Nicholas is represented more realistically in his bishop's regalia complete with mitre and crozier. On St. Nicholas Day, which falls on December 6th, there is a magnificent parade in which white bearded masqueraders, clothed in long white shirts, carry huge three-foot mitre-shaped lanterns over their heads. These lanterns are perforated in intricate religious designs, similar to church windows, and when the candlelight shines through them, as their bearers execute a stately dance, they are an impressive sight indeed.

Money Gifts Right If Something Different

If you decide that the best present for a child you know would be money, try one of these ways to add a bit of glamour:

Ask your bank for a two-dollar bill.

Buy a silver dollar—even though it may cost some more than its face value.

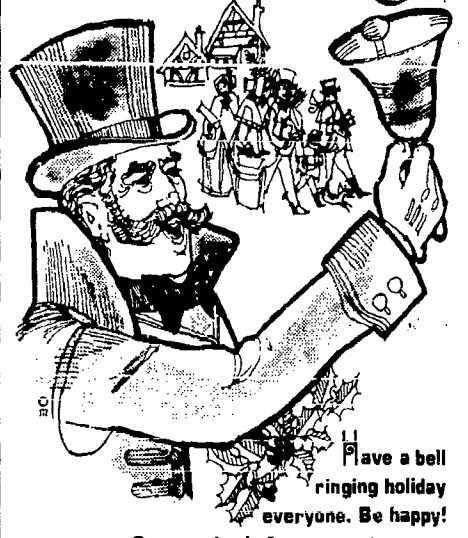
Write a check. The youngster you give it to may never have had the fun of endorsing and cashing one.

Wrap imaginatively—tucking a bill into a toy car, for example, to suggest that it be saved for a trip.

5 Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, December 26, 1974

Christmas Tidings



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ringing holiday
everyone. Be happy!
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message, we greet our friends
and patrons. Thanks so much!

Silent Night, Holy night
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yours an abundance
of Christmas cheer,
topped off with an
extra helping of peace
and love. Thanks, all.

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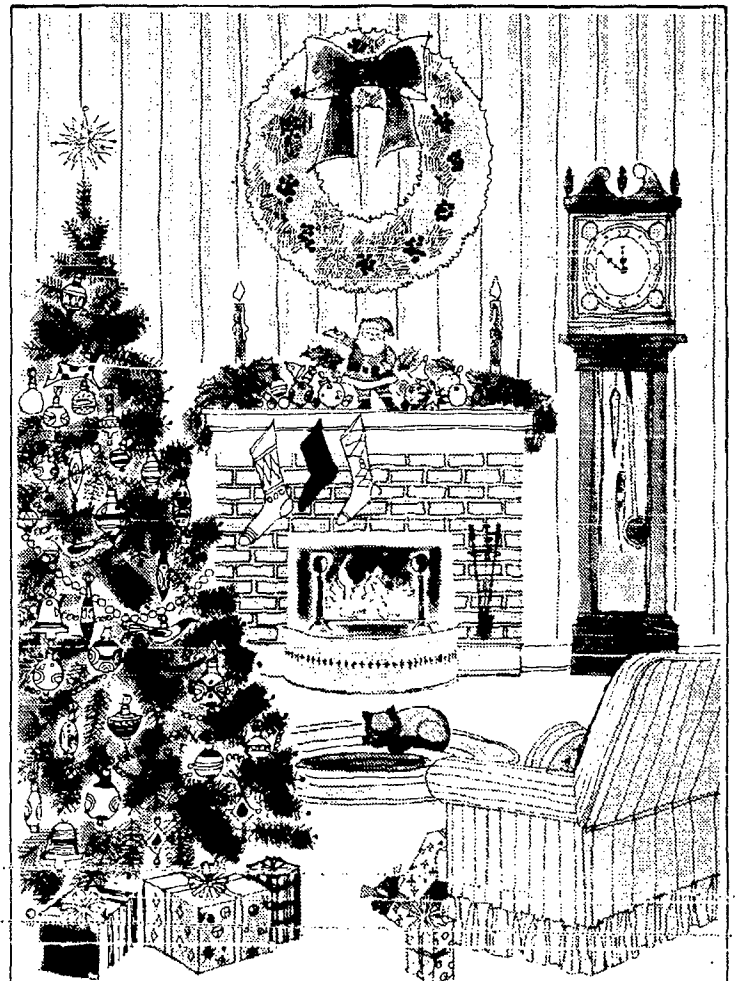
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A "SILVESTERKLAUS" of Canton Appenzell-Ausser Rhoden, Eastern Switzerland, such as this one is among the most striking of the figures which clang bells and wear magnificent headdresses and masks as they frolic around in large or small groups demanding money from onlookers. Wearing artist headgear often resembling filigree work or depicting houses or entire landscapes, their name, "Silvesterklaus," is an allusion to St. Nicholas. Photo courtesy Swiss National Tourist Office.



MINIATURE CHRISTMAS TREE, John Rieck applies the final touches to one of his charming creations.



Merry Christmas

It's that warm and cozy Holiday Season when families share with their neighbors and friends happy times and good feelings. We wish you the best, along with our thanks.

The Grayling Insurance Agency

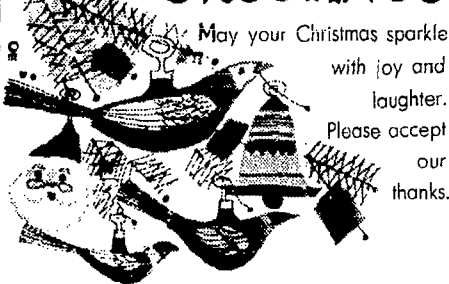
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PEACE ON EARTH

God grant that not only the Love of Liberty but a thorough knowledge of the rights of man may pervade all the Nations of the Earth, so that anybody may set his foot anywhere on its surface and say: This is my Country.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

GREETINGS



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Christmas Greetings

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First Christmas Carols

The first carols were dance songs, or ring songs, sung by villagers around a Maypole, or to celebrate other festive occasions throughout the year, during the Middle Ages. Later they became more exclusively associated with Christmas.

The word "carol" derives from the Greek and Latin word "chorales" meaning "chorus." The phrase, "Christmas Carols" first appeared during the 16th century in England in little songbooks printed by Wynken de Worde and Richard Kelle.

DANCE CAROLS — Best examples of these rounds or ring dances are still to be found in Sweden, where people dance around the tree singing many rollicking songs. Elsewhere, dance carols are merely sung, although many of the tunes are known to inspire dancing feet.

SHEPHERD CAROLS, of and about the shepherds to whom the angels appeared, and their coming to the stable with humble gifts are the most human and appealing accounts of Christ's birth. They were sung to accompany the vivid portrayals of this scene in the medieval "mystery" plays, which were common in England as well as all other European countries. Best known today is the traditional English carol, "While Shepherds Watched."

LULLABY CAROLS were among the earliest Christmas songs and like all cradle songs have a rocking, lulling rhythm and a simple melody. "Cradle rocking" carols or "Kindelwiegen" were a part of the church ritual in Germany and Austria.

A good example of this type of carol is the 16th century English carol, "What Child is This?" which was sung to the 16th century dance tune, "Greensleeves." Another is the 19th century American anonymous carol, "Away In A Manger."

One of the most beautiful of all lullaby carols is the "Coventry Carol," which was a part of one of the English medieval "mysteries." It is sung by a group of women, portraying Bethlehem mothers just before Herod's soldiers slaughter their babies.

CAROLS OF THE MAGI — The arrival of the Magi with precious gifts for the Christ Child is the most picturesque and colorful part of all Christmas pageants. The Magi songs all tell this rich, spiritual story. Among the most familiar of these to Americans is "We Three Kings," the words and music for which were written by John Henry Hopkins, Jr. in the 19th century.

NATIVITY CAROLS — There are many varieties of these. The first hymns in honor of the Nativity were written in Latin during

the 5th century, when Christmas was fully established as one of the great church feasts. It was not until the 13th century, when St. Francis of Assisi inspired his friends to write in their native tongue, that Nativity Songs were written for the people to sing. From Italy, these Nativity Songs spread throughout all Europe.

Two of the most familiar of these to us are: "Joy To The World," written by Isaac Watts in the 17th century and the 18th century German "Stille Nacht" (Silent Night) by Joseph Mohr. The original musical called for a guitar accompaniment.

LEGENDARY CAROLS spring from the folklore of people throughout the world inspired by superstitions and pre-Christian beliefs. One thing they have in common is that they all tell a story.

Most well known of these is the traditional English "I Saw Three Ships," "The Boar's Head Carol" both from the Middle Ages, the latter of which is still sung at Christmas dinner at Queens College, Oxford, as the boar's head is ceremoniously brought in. "Good King Wenceslas," written by J. M. Neale in the 19th century is about a fervent Christian Duke of Bohemia.

CAROLS OF CUSTOM deal with pre-Christian customs that have become attached to Christmas celebrations. For example, the yule log and mistletoe of England go back to the Druids. Decking the halls with boughs of holly and evergreen come from the Hebrews, Egyptians, Romans and other ancient peoples, for whom the evergreens were symbols of life triumphant over death. The wreath came originally from the ivy crown worn by Romans in Bacchanalian festivals. "Was-sail" was the Anglo-Saxon drinking pledge, "Waes-Hael" which means "Be in health" and which was part of Early Saxon feasts.

"O Tannenbaum" (O Christmas Tree) the traditional German carol goes back to the early days of wandering tribes, who would always leave a grove of trees in the middle of the land they cleared.

CAROLS FOR THE TWELVE DAYS — During the 6th century, the 12 days from Nativity to Epiphany were declared a festive season, celebrated in medieval England by many gay customs including, jousts, banquets, caroling and "mumming," which originally was a sort of pantomime dance performed by masked and costumed groups. Best known of these carols are the traditional English "God Rest Ye Merry," and "The Twelve Days of Christmas," which is based on an old French rhyme and chant.

Now Is Time: Think Christmas

The holidays next year can be so much more joyous if you think ahead for them, beginning in January. You won't be struck with panic every time you hear the countdown of "90 more shopping days until Christmas."

Watch the shopping columns of magazines during the year. You may spot just the thing for someone on your gift list wants, and you may spot it in May or June.

Don't overlook the sales on Christmas cards and wrappings that start the day after Christmas. They are half price or less, and think of being able to address them in September!

With your budget in mind, watch the sales. White sales can produce linens, which make nice gifts, at reduced costs.

Tuck a little Christmas notebook where it's always handy. If you listen through the year, you'll be surprised at how often friends or family will say, "That's something I've always wanted," or "I wish I had..." Jot it down then: these are the wishes you've always forgotten by Christmastime. Yet those gifts are the ones that say you heard, and you remembered.

California Raisins Are Favorite In Holiday Recipes



During the holiday season, yummy Christmas goodies are always on call. But when time is running short, and the fruitcakes and fancy cookies can't fit into your busy holiday schedule, make a batch of Sugarplum Raisin Squares. These chewy bar cookies are full of the goodness of California raisins, coconut, and nuts, with a taste of candied ginger for extra delight. Plump California raisins have always been a favorite ingredient for special holiday recipes. The natural sweetness of raisins combined with sugar and spice makes everything nice.

SUGARPLUM RAISIN SQUARES

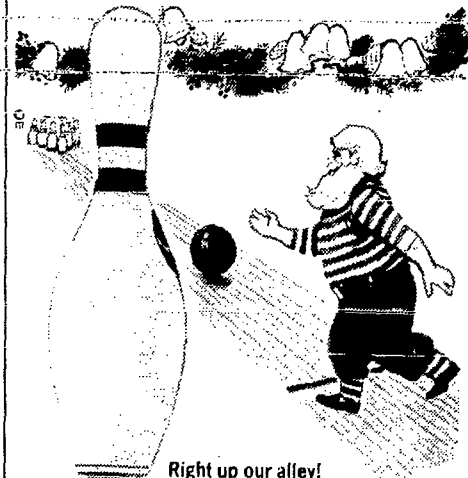
1/2 cup butter
1/4 cup brown sugar, firmly packed
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup sifted flour
Raisin filling

Blend butter with sugar and salt until fluffy. Mix in flour. Spread with spatula in 8-inch square pan. Bake at 325 degrees for 15 minutes. Meanwhile prepare raisin filling. Remove baked crust from oven. Carefully spoon raisin filling over baked crust. Bake 25 to 30 minutes more or until filling is set. Cool; cut into squares with sharp knife.

Makes 16 squares.

RAISIN FILLING: Beat 2 eggs with 1 cup brown sugar (packed) and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Stir in 1/2 teaspoon salt, 2 tablespoons flour and 1/2 teaspoon baking powder. Add 1 cup chopped California raisins, 1/2 cup flaked coconut, 1/4 cup chopped pecans and 2 tablespoons finely chopped candied ginger.

Merry Christmas



Right up our alley!
Being able to wish our loyal friends... patrons season's best, sincere thanks.

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Avoid Weight Gain During Holidays

The secret to weight control — at holiday time or any other time — is to never let the scale creep up more than five pounds over your normal weight. Five pounds is not too difficult to deal with; twenty five pounds is a different story. Unwanted gifts are easy to exchange, but those extra pounds are something else.

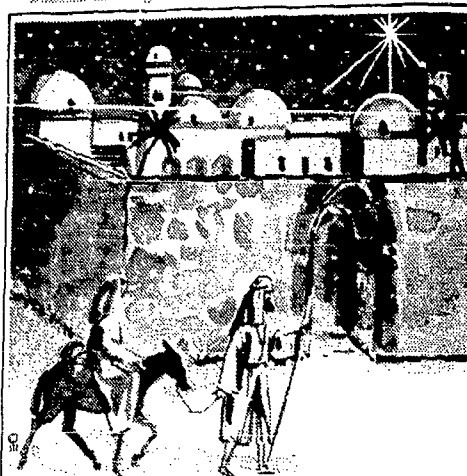
The best and most sensible way to get rid of the unwanted pounds is to eat your regular balanced diet, but eat just half as much as usual. Cut out bread and sweets and all liquors and wines. At the end of a two week period, you should be back to your former trimness — if you haven't cheated.

Models and actresses do this all of the time. Weighing themselves daily, they know exactly when they have gained a pound or two and they start cutting back on food until they've taken it off. That way they are able to maintain a constant weight, which is better for health than the yo-yo syndrome, as constant ups and downs in weight is called.

RED HOLLY BERRIES

A legend relates that on the first Christmas night, when the shepherds went to the manger, a little lamb following them was caught by the holly thorns, and the red berries are the drops of its blood that froze on the branches.

Merry Christmas



Christmas Blessings

May this holy holiday shine down its blessings on all our neighbors, friends.

Thanks for the kindness shown to us.

DORA'S BEAUTY SHOP



Christmas GREETINGS

Tranquility. Serenity. Peace. May these treasures blanket this joyous season.

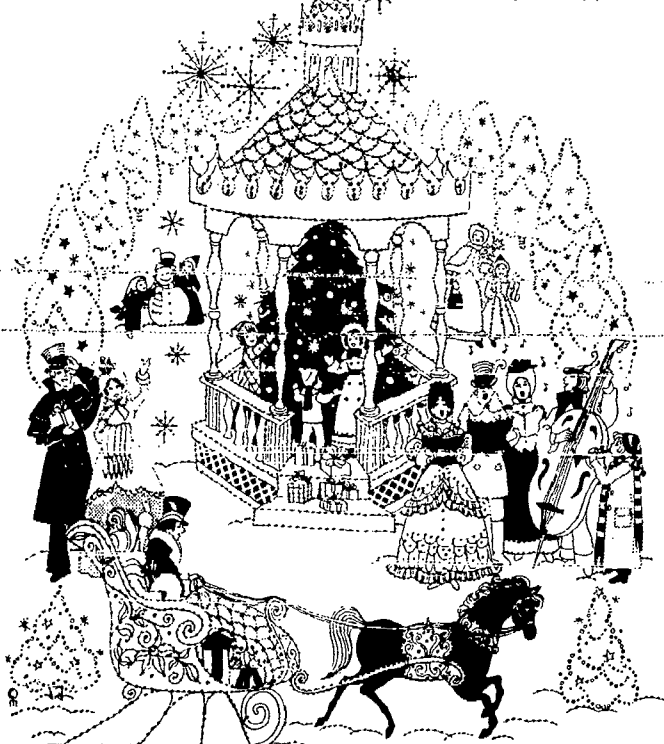
For our loyal patrons, we're ever grateful.

BILL HART FORD, INC.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

'Tis the season to trim trees, sing carols, give gifts... and enjoy all the holiday cheer.

So what more could we wish for you, than a warm old-fashioned Christmas? Thanks for your support.



DAWSON'S



Merry Christmas from our family to yours. Hope it's

filled with an abundance of holiday treasures—

love, peace and happiness. Enjoy each moment of

fun and laughter. Share the good times with

those dear to you. Thanks for your loyal support.

OLSON'S OF GRAYLING

"THE TWELVE NIGHTS"
In northern Europe, the Teutons observed the winter solstice, calling it Yule. As the nights were long, it was referred to as "the twelve nights."



Everybody's preparing for the big Day.
Hope it's merry in every way. Our thanks.

SCHEER MOTORS, INC.

Holy Journey Made By Decree

Wise Men Follow Guiding Star to Jesus



JOURNEY OF THE MAGI— This symbolic tempera on wood by 15th century artist Sassetta of Siena, Italy, in part, depicts the rugged roads and methods of transportation during Biblical times. Here the Wise Men (on horseback) apparently are following the guiding star, lower right, to the Infant Jesus. From the Metropolitan Museum of Art, bequest of Maitland F. Griggs, 1943.

A CHRISTMAS CAROL— PHILLIP BROOKS

Christmas in lands of the fir tree and pine,
Christmas in lands of the palm tree and vine;
Christmas where snow peaks stand solemn and white,
Christmas where cornfields lie sunny and bright;
Everywhere, everywhere Christmas tonight!
Christmas where children are hopeful and gay,
Christmas where old men are patient and gray,
Christmas where peace, like a dove in its flight,
Broods o'er brave men in the thick of the fight;
Everywhere, everywhere Christmas tonight!
For the Christ Child who comes is the Master of all;
No place too great—no cottage too small.
The angels who welcome Him sing from the height,
"In the city of David a King in His might."
Everywhere, everywhere Christmas tonight!
Then let every heart keep its Christmas within
Christ's pity for sorrow, Christ's hatred for sin,
Christ's care for the weakest, Christ's courage for right,
Christ's dread of the darkness, Christ's love of the light.
Everywhere, everywhere Christmas tonight!
So the stars of the midnight which compass us round,
Shall see a strange glory and hear a sweet sound,
And cry, "Look! the earth is aflame with delight,
O sons of the morning rejoice at the sight."
Everywhere, everywhere Christmas tonight!

"And it came to pass in those days that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed . . ." So begins the Bible story of the birth of Christ in Saint Luke's Gospel.

"All the world," of course, meant the Roman Empire of the time, and the "taxation" referred to was basically an "enrollment," according to biblical scholars, a census, leading ultimately to a land tax; so it was decreed that "All went to be taxed, every one into his own city."

And so, Saint Luke goes on to tell us, "Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child."

The Bible gives us little more than those bare facts about the journey which ended at a manger outside Bethlehem. It has remained for biblical scholars and archaeologists to try to fill in the details as best they can from facts known or guessed about the Palestine of that time and from other indirect evidence in the Bible itself.

Although Joseph was a Judean by ancestry, he lived and plied his trade as carpenter some 70 miles to the north in Nazareth in Galilee, where Jesus spent his early years, thus becoming identified as Jesus of Nazareth.

There was a good road leading southward from Nazareth to Jerusalem and Bethlehem, for this was no "backwoods" area but one traversed by merchants and their caravans as well as functionaries of the Roman Empire, all following in the footsteps of invaders and travellers of many years.

A journey of some 70 miles over mostly hilly country without a car might give many of us pause today, particularly in view of Mary's condition. According to tradition, Mary rode a good part of the way on an ass, a common beast of burden and one certainly more appropriate to the task than either camel or horse, even had these been available to Joseph.

A journey of that distance, with Joseph walking and leading the ass, would be bound to consume several days, so it is likely that the travellers made provision for spending some nights along the way and, also, carried sufficient food and water in case supplies were not always available.

Although Nazareth was a fair-sized town, it was reported to have had only one good source of water, known today as Mary's Well, from which it would have been prudent to obtain a "canteen" before setting out on a journey. Wells and springs were to be found infrequently in the hills, particularly toward the end of the dry season, which historians believe was the most likely period for the trip of Mary and Joseph. As to food, there would have been no problem in procuring rations of bread, olives, and other provisions for the journey from an area as rich in agriculture as Galilee.

Arrival at their destination in Bethlehem did not bring an end to "roughing it" for the travellers, for there were so many who had preceded them that "there was no room for them at the inn." Therefore, this predicament led Mary and Joseph to the manger, a cattle shelter outside Bethlehem which symbolizes the birth of Jesus.

SHEAF OF GRAIN A SCANDINAVIAN CUSTOM

Scandinavian farmers traditionally practice the custom of attaching a sheaf of grain to a pole and placing it out in the snow as a Christmas feast for birds, often with suet added as an extra treat. It is said that no peasant would sit down to Christmas dinner until the birds had been provided for.

For a Happy Christmas



To all our sporting friends—cheery wishes for a merry holiday season. Accept our thanks.

Dad's Sporting Goods

Christmas Season Folklore Time

Christmas legends and Christmas folklore is fascinating whether true or not. There are innumerable tales that form the traditions of the holiday season.
Animals are prominently mentioned in many legends and customs. One Christmas legend tells of the little grey lamb with a longing heart to be white. It wandered to the dwelling of the Holy Family, lingering at the door. The Christ Child, seeing the lamb, beckoned it in. He laid his hand on its head, and it became white as snow.
Swedes, Norwegians, and the Swiss make it a special point to be extremely friendly and hospitable on Christmas, both to domestic pets and wild birds.
A persistent Christmas legend is that bees hum a carol in honor of the Christ Child. In England, holly is placed on the hive to wish the bees a Merry Christmas.

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MARATHON SERVICE

Warm Christmas Wishes



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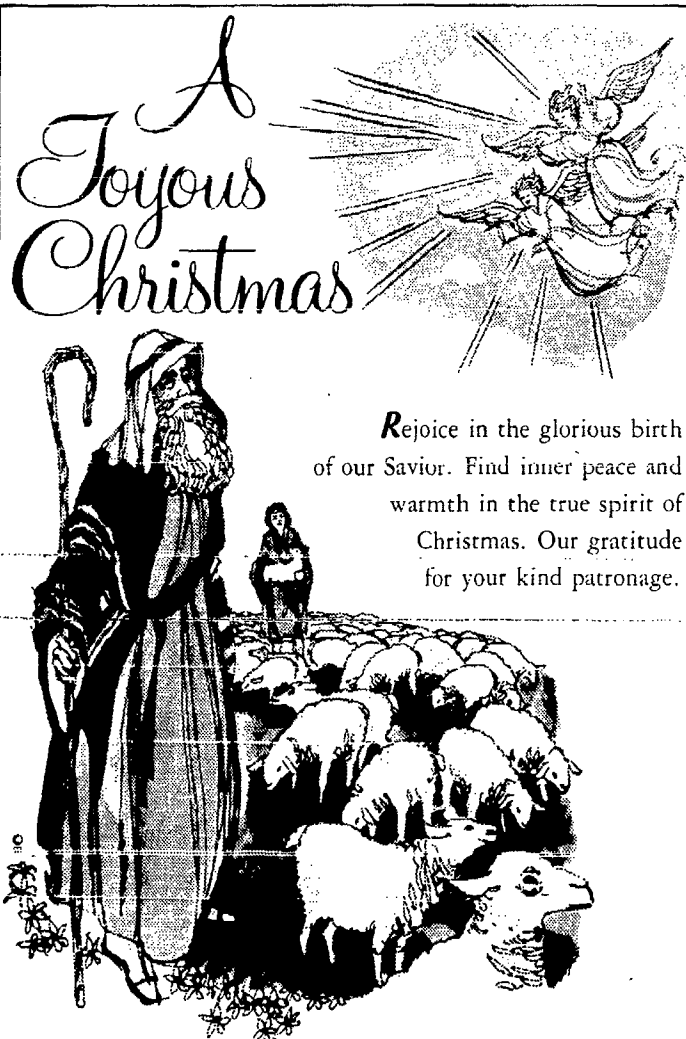
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FREDERIC**

A Joyous Christmas

May the spiritual peace of this Christmas enter into your lives. It's a time of joy . . . a time to wish everyone the happiness and contentment of that Holy night long ago. Thanks.

**R & H SPORT CENTER
RAY PEASE**

107 LAKE STREET



Rejoice in the glorious birth of our Savior. Find inner peace and warmth in the true spirit of Christmas. Our gratitude for your kind patronage.

TUFT'S Distributing Co., Inc.

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Christmas Greetings

May your Christmas star lead you to a richer, happier life: warm with love, bright with joy, secure in peace. We take this opportunity to thank you for being such good friends. We're grateful for your goodwill and loyal patronage.

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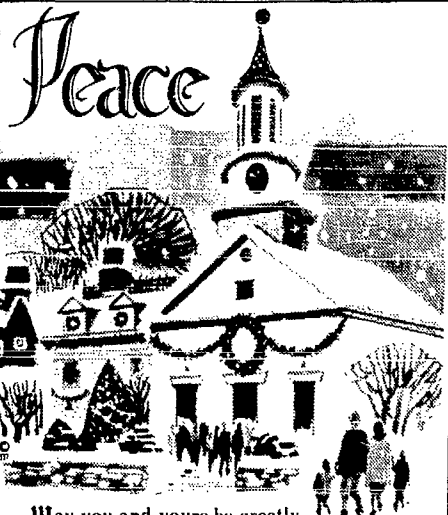
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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

to Our
Friends, Customers and Relatives

Pat and Margie Harwood



May you and yours be greatly blessed by the spiritual radiance of Christmas. For your valued patronage we express sincere Yuletide thanks.

Newberry General Store

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Christmas Wishes

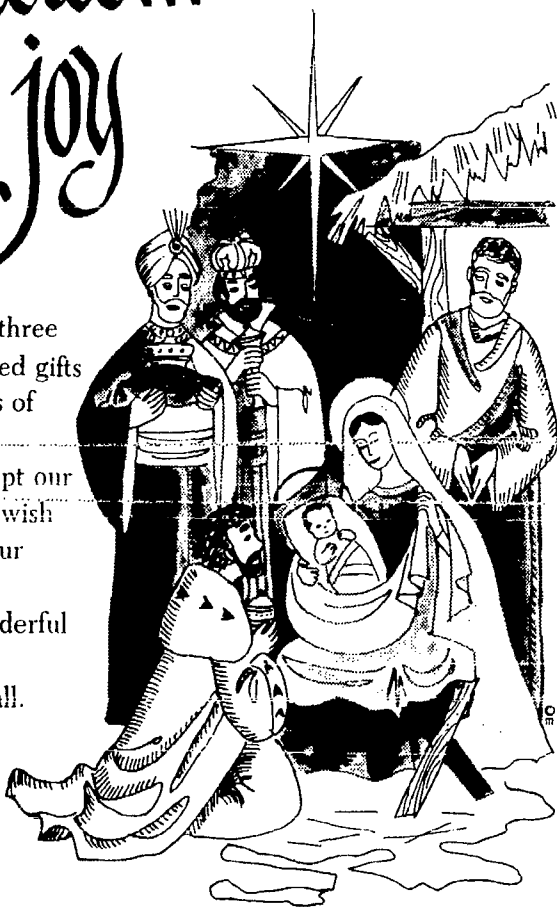
We're hoping this will be a warm, happy holiday... filled with lots of cheer!

Our gratitude for your kind support.

AuBrey's Barber Shop

peace... joy

Long ago, three kings offered gifts as gestures of goodwill. Please accept our gift... to wish you and your family a warm, wonderful Christmas. Thanks to all.



CLAIR'S STANDARD SERVICE

Letters to 'Santa' Overflow Mailbox



THE MOST FAMOUS RESIDENT in the town of Santa Claus, Indiana, population 300, is Santa Claus himself who receives well over 100,000 letters annually from children across the country and around the world. As Santa Claus in costume and Jim Yellig out of it, a 42-year career has been devoted to making sure letters are answered.

There's something special about Santa Claus in a small southern Indiana town where the famous Christmas legend has become somewhat of an everyday reality.

This town with a population of about 300 year-round residents, and a family of deer, is the jolly old gent's namesake home — Santa Claus, Indiana — as well as the home of his helpers, and the location of his overflowing mailbox.

A unique landmark at Santa Claus is the U.S. Post Office near the intersection of Indiana highways 162 and 245, and next to the entrance to Santa Claus Land.

There is nowhere in the world where you can find a post office like this one. Its architecture is that of a stone-fronted fairyland castle in design and while the community has but slightly more than 300 year-round residents this post office each year is flooded with about four million pieces of mail. The bulk of all this mail comes around Christmas time to receive the cherished Santa Claus postmark. Still others arrive addressed simply to "Santa Claus, 47579."

Letters addressed to "Santa Claus" represent the tens of thousands of children's "want lists" that foretell visions of Christmas morning, promise cook-

ies and milk, and extend best wishes to Santa, Mrs. Claus, and Rudolph. And to the delight of children everywhere, all of these letters receive an answer from Santa Claus.

This unique practice dates back to the late 1920s when Robert L. Ripley popularized the town by featuring it in an article in his "Believe It Or Not" column. After the article appeared, mail began to mushroom, especially letters addressed to "Santa Claus."

Tourists with children also started to arrive and make visits to the post office with their Christmas mail, following in the steps of Ripley who also sent his Christmas cards through the office here as proof that there was indeed a Santa Claus — as verified by the postmark. For over 40 years, children have met Santa himself, played by Raymond Joseph, "Jim" Yellig.

Besides taking up the role of Santa Claus at the Santa Claus Post Office in the early 1930s, Yellig also embarked on a project that now involves much of the community of the Santa Claus, Ind. area. He noticed that the incoming letters were being stored away because there were too many for the postmaster of the day to answer and took pan in hand, along with his wife, to make sure children who cared enough about Santa Claus were answered.

THE SIMPLE SWAG

The swag is no more than an artistic arrangement of a few evergreen branches for use on doors, walls, windows, mantels or tables. A simple swag can be made by wiring a few long evergreen branches together, then attaching cones, bells or ribbons where the branches are tied. To make a shaped swag, such as an "S", bend heavy wire to the desired shape, wire on evergreen branches, and decorate as you would a wreath. Garland can be made by fastening branches to a long strip of wire or heavy cord and used over a mantel or door. Eight inch branches are good, with each overlapping the stem end of the former.

Christmas Trees For Ecology

Many people believe that the cutting of trees for Christmas "robs" nature and destroys a portion of our forests each year, but the truth is that nearly three-quarters of such trees are raised specifically to be cut at Christmas-time. Most of the remainder are "thin-lings"—young trees cut in forests to improve the growth opportunities for other trees.

Forestry experts and nurserymen point out that young, growing trees give off more oxygen and absorb more carbon dioxide than mature ones, so that the cultivation of Christmas trees actually helps the ecology. In contrast, they say, the manufacture of artificial trees uses up valuable energy and natural resources, which are not recoverable.

After Christmas, discarded trees can be used in various ways to benefit the environment. Even if you live in a city, ecologists suggest, you can help by getting in touch with a local conservation organization or commercial nursery.

Word 'Manger' Has 2 Meanings

The Bible tells us that the newly-born Christ-child was "wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger," a word derived from the French "mangeoir" or frame to hold animal feed.

It is interesting that the other common English word for a manger, crib, which is derived from the German krippe, also means a baby's bed.

Even the French word crèche, which is often used to describe the nativity scene displayed in churches, homes, and other places at Christmastime, has the double meaning of "mangeoir" and a public shelter for the care of infants.

MAGIC OF MAGI

Believed to have occult powers, the Wise Men were called Magi, the root of our words magic and magician.

Magi were held to be magicians or soothsayers. They were also ancient priests who travelled far away to many lands in order to establish a following.

Italian Foods at Christmas Vary According to Regions

Feasting is an integral part of the Christmas celebration, symbolizing not only rejoicing at the coming of Christ but, also, the spirit of sharing and brotherly love which is characteristic of the season. Like so many other aspects of Christmas, it is a blend of Christian and pre-Christian traditions, strongly influenced by local customs.

In Italy the dishes of the Christmas feast vary widely depending on the region. In the north, for example, the meal may begin with cappelletti ("little hats"), stuffed with meat or tortellini, a sort of ravioli, followed by a main dish of meat, which may be anything from roast turkey with chestnut stuffing to zampone, a pork sausage packed in a pig's leg smothered with lentils.

In the area around Rome, the traditional dish of Christmas Eve is "cappitone," a large female eel, roasted, baked, or fried, following a religious tradition which prescribes a meatless dinner on Christmas Eve, the Vigilia, or Christmas vigil. In accordance with this tradition, the Roman fish market, held the night of December 23rd, is a peculiar feature of the Christmas observance.

In the south of Italy, the feasting usually begins with macaroni with meat and tomato sauce, followed by chicken or meat in jelly.

Particularly characteristic of Christmas feasting in all regions are sweets: fruitcakes of various types (panettone) and other sweets in which nuts and honey figure prominently.

The Christmas season coincides with the lengthening day and the beginning of the New Year, and from ancient times has been a symbol of fertility and a promise of the next year's harvest, also representing hope for increase in herds and flocks, and the family, as well. The use of honey, the most common sweetener in ancient Rome, was a traditional way of conveying the wish that the new year might be as sweet as the gift.



Joyful GREETINGS

It's a season rich in brotherly love. Let's share its joys with one and all. Our sincere thanks for your kind patronage.

Bill's Laundry

AND

Dry Cleaning



CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

May the holy light of the Christmas season brighten your spirits and bring peace to your hearts. Our thanks to you all.

LENG'S GARAGE

FREDERIC

The Christmas Sled

AUTHOR UNKNOWN

Oh, for the winters that used to be!

The winters that only a boy may see!

Rich with snowflakes' rush and swirl;

Keen as a diamond; pure as a pearl;

Brimming with healthful, rollicking fun;

Sweet with their rest when the play was done;

With kindly revels each day decreed,

And a Christmas sled for the royal steed.

Down from the crest with a shrill hurra!

Clear the track, there! Out of the way!

Scarcely touching the path beneath:

Scarcely admitting of breath to breathe;

Dashing along, with leap and swerve,

Over the crossing, round the curve.

Talk of your flying machines! Instead,

Give me the swoop of that Christmas sled.

'Yuletide Is Here' — Love, Warmth, Cheer

And inside, close to the hearthstone, There is love and warmth and cheer. While a gay and festive spirit seems to say, "Yuletide is here!"

The "gay and festive spirit" praised in this Old-English carol is the holiday feeling. What could make anyone feel more festive than love, warmth and cheer? The comfort of being with those you love, family, friends, and neighbors, and of a traditional holiday ceremony, say more than anything could that, indeed, the "Yuletide is here."

Traditions play a most important role in the holiday feeling. Old familiar carols, candies, colors, greens, smells, and sights associate themselves forever with Christmas. Yet new traditions are established every Christmas season which are as much a part of the feeling as that of the timeless tree. Just as the colonial lady chose new foods and decorated with greens, the modern lady selects bright new colors and appealing recipes. No matter what the century the holiday feeling belongs to Christmas.

THE SEVENTH DATE

The 25th of December is the date most Christians now agree upon as the proper time to celebrate the birth of Christ. However, whatever agreement there now is was a long time in coming. As a matter of fact, Dec. 25th is the seventh date used by Christians for their celebration. Earlier dates were January 6th (the traditional "Old Christmas"), February 2nd, March 25th, April 19th, May 20th and November 17th. The present day, now adhered to by all Christians except Armenians, began in the year 353. Armenians still observe January 6th.



CHRISTMAS PAST... You're an oldtimer if you can recognize the gentleman behind the Santa beard in this photograph from the year 1953. He's Willard Waterman, then star of radio's "The Great Gildersleeve", with trim Barbara Whiting posing as an evergreen.

HAVE A "MERRY CHRISTMAS"

— DRIVE WITH CARE —

Joy

Let Christmas fill your heart with gladness.



Sorenson Funeral Home



Our wish is that this season be filled with inner peace for you. Thanks, loyal patrons.

DOWN RIVER

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The Christmas spirit reigns all over the land. Hope it fills and warms your heart with happiness. For your treasured patronage, sincere thanks.

THE COFFEE CUP

OLD 27 NORTH



Merry Christmas

We hope you experience all the joy and warmth that goes with this Christmas season. Our gratitude for your friendship and trust.

JACK MILLIKIN CONSTRUCTION

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— DRIVE WITH CARE —

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Happiness is patrons like you. Thanks!

Sun & Snow Equipment



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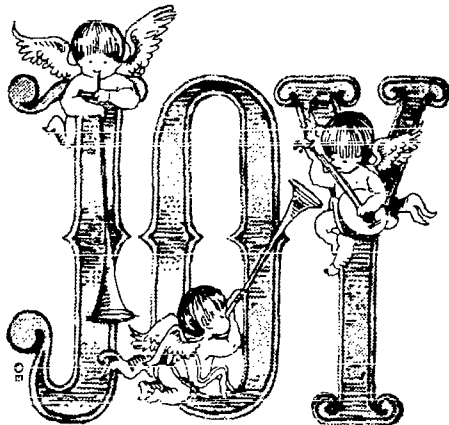
A dashing good time to folks everywhere.

We're grateful for the favors shown us.

BILL and JOAN MOODY

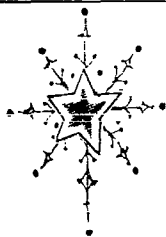
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Heavenly Christmas blessings
and joy to friends young and old. For
kindness shown to us in gratitude.

POST OIL CO.



Spirit of Christmas

It is our
wish that this
holy season
be joyous ...
serene. To our
many customers,
thanks for
your loyalty.



DAVIS JEWELRY

How Santa Claus Became An American Christmas Tradition

The tradition that Santa Claus is the giver of Christmas presents comes to us from a fourth century German legend of St. Nicholas (Santa Claus is a German corruption of the name). When St. Nicholas learned of three young women who were unable to attract suitors because their father was too poor to provide them with a dowry, he filled three bags with gold one night and threw them into the windows of the rooms of the young women. Soon after, they were all happily married. Unexpected gifts were thereafter attributed to St. Nicholas.

The myth that Santa Claus descends the chimney to fill the stockings comes from the Norsemen. Their legend tells us that at the winter solstice the goddess Hertha appeared in their fireplaces and brought with her happiness and good fortune.

Dr. Clement Clarke Moore, a professor in the General Theological Seminary in New York, put the myth in the form of a poem, "The Visit of St. Nicholas." He invented the sleigh and the reindeer and his description of St. Nicholas was suggested by the appearance of a German man-of-all-work in his employ. The sleigh bells were suggested by the bells on the bridle of his own horse. He wrote the poem for his children in 1822 and read it to them on Christmas Eve. That year, this poem has become the foundation of our own rich American tradition about Santa Claus.



**SHOP EARLY
BENEFITS
ALL...**

The Christmas shopping season is the biggest sales period of the year for most retailers. And, stretching out the holiday season, gives stores a chance to function more efficiently. When clerks are less harried and stores less crowded, shopping is more pleasant for everyone.

Most merchants know that a large percentage of gifts selected at Christmastime are plentiful throughout the year. In case they may have underestimated your enthusiasm for a particular item, the longer shopping period gives them a chance to reorder so late shoppers won't be disappointed.

Last minute "panic" buying is not only a headache for you, but creates problems for the merchants. When you take more days to shop, you can do your job by selecting gifts more thoroughly. You can visit more stores, compare prices and quality, and both you and the receiver will be more satisfied with your selection.

Most merchants are sincere in their efforts to perform a helpful service at this very busy time of year. And that's why stores start Christmas early.



**"I DO SO LIKE GOLDFISH
BETTER THAN DOLLS."**



**"I DO SO LIKE GOLDFISH
BETTER THAN DOLLS."**

Christmas Solstice
Northern European tribes used to celebrate their chief festival of the Yule around the time of the winter solstice. That's when the days began to lengthen and the "rebirth of the sun" was honored.

**It's a matter
of life and breath.
Give more to
Christmas Seals**



**Fight
Lung Disease**



CHILDREN ANTICIPATE the arrival of "Kris Kringle," also known as Santa Claus, in this large electrotype reproduced from an 1891 specimen sheet of Christmas cuts offered by the A. Zeese & Co. of Chicago. As Kris Kringle prepares to descend the chimney of their home, the children, in box at bottom left, appear to be awake, perhaps in the hope of catching a glimpse of Santa.



Time for merriment
and fun, for family
gatherings, for caroling
... time to say thanks
to all our customers
and friends who make
doing business
such a pleasure.

Crawford County

TV

Sales & Service

Arctic Reindeer Flourish, Crucial to Man's Survival



A HERD OF REINDEER cross a large body of water while roaming for grazing areas over the subarctic regions of northern Europe. The reindeer has been a semi-domesticated friend to man for centuries. Reindeer are traditionally associated with Christmas as pullers of Santa's sleigh. Photo courtesy Swedish Information Service.

Reindeer flourish in large numbers near the Arctic Circle in Europe, Asia, and North America. Norway, Sweden, Finland, Russia, and Alaska are all places where herds of at least semi-domesticated reindeer are accustomed to working with man, particularly the Laplanders.

The reindeer provides a vital source of food, clothing, and even transportation for many peoples living on the edge of the arctic world. Among other things, reindeer milk is as rich as the cream of cow's milk, although available in much smaller quantities.

There are several species of reindeer in North America, where it is called the caribou, ranging from the woodland species, which is found in wild northern woods, through the barren ground caribou, which is the slightly larger but close cousin of the European reindeer, to the Peary caribou, living north of the Arctic Circle.

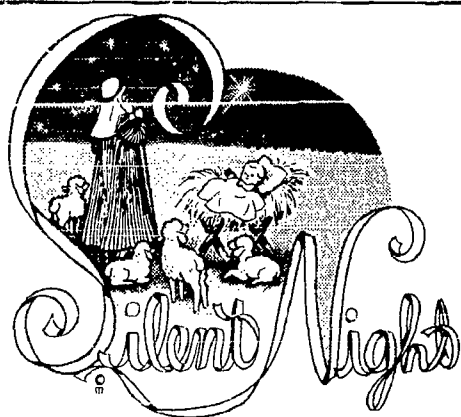
The present domesticated reindeer of Europe and Asia, where it can be found in single herds of up to 30,000, is a descendant of the barren ground species of those regions and has been successfully introduced into Alaska as a stock animal. These tame reindeer are gentle and easily handled.

Reindeer and caribou feed primarily on mosses and lichens in the subarctic regions, a type of fodder which takes time to replenish itself. As a result, reindeer and those who depend on them for a livelihood are nomadic and have no permanent home, since they must move at frequent intervals to find an adequate food supply.

Because of the Arctic habitat, near his North Pole headquarters, reindeer provide an ideal means of transportation for Santa Claus, but he can hardly claim a first for using them: cave paintings and bones found in prehistoric sites in Europe are evidence that the reindeer has been more or less domesticated since the time of the cavemen. But Santa Claus might qualify as an early supporter of women's equality, since the reindeer or caribou is unique among the deer family in that the females as well as the males grow antlers. Both sexes shed their antlers in the spring, like other deer.

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Christmas

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will and song. Warm thanks from us, to all.

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To
Wish
You
the
Joys of
Christmas

Peace and serenity ...

love and brotherhood

... be yours ... and

remain with you all

through the holidays.

Thanks for your

kind generosity.

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Heating**



FOR HIM ... If there's
a man who has everything
on your list, a good gift is
something he would hesitate
to get for himself. A rug-
ged, colorful golf bag should
bring a smile springing to
the face of any golfing
enthusiast.



**I REMEMBER
THE GOOD OLD DAYS**
From Fronia Mannon, Winslow,
Arkansas: At 84 I can still re-
member going one mile away,
down the most beautiful country
wagon road I ever saw, to visit
my grandmother. It was a road
through shady virgin timber,
lined and bordered in summer
with all sorts of wild flowers.

And how we enjoyed grand-
mother's biscuits. Made only with
soda for leavening, no baking
powder, and with fresh sweet
butter for shortening, baked in
a dutch oven before the big fire-
place.

We'd see grandmother smoking
a little five cent clay pipe she
got from my Dad's store. She lit
it from a coal in the fireplace.

We enjoyed sleeping in the
little trunk bed on cold winter
nights with only hard slats, no
bed springs, only a corn-shuck
mattress that rattled. We'd
watch the fireplace at night.
Those are joys long to be re-
membered.

(Send contributions to this column to The
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Peace

It's the greatest gift of all. On
this special holiday, may you all enjoy
the warmth and love that Christmas
brings. We thank you for your support.

ART CLOUGH "REAL ESTATE"

merry Christmas



*Cheerful
Christmas
Wishes*

*Wrap it up with a
smile and our good
wishes. Thanks to all.*

JAMES A. PARKINSON
LICENSED BUILDER

Christmas Trees Recycled To Balance Our Ecology

Each year whole forests of young spruce trees are chopped down in their prime and displayed with decorations as Christmas trees in millions of American homes. After the two-week holiday season, they are discarded.

But Christmas trees can now be recycled. They can be given a second life in which their organic components can be put to work nurturing other life. A machine known as a wood chipper instantly reduces them to valuable garden mulch.

This mulch retains soil moisture and can be applied on top of snow to protect bulbs and stems of young trees and shrubs. Also, this coarse sawdust-like stuff is as good as salt or sand for improving traction on icy driveways.

Discarded Christmas Trees Help Prevent Beach Erosion

Each year, hundreds of volunteers from several Long Island communities gather discarded Christmas trees in order to implant them in the fragile dunes of Fire Island across the bay, which helps to prevent the sand from being blown off and washed away.

The Legend of the Christmas Rose

According to legend a little shepherd girl from Bethlehem followed the shepherds on their way to the manger. All the shepherds had gifts for Jesus but the little girl had none. She felt very sad and unworthy about this and hung back from the others. Just before they reached the stable, an angel appeared in a blaze of light and scattered lovely white roses before the little girl. So she gathered them up and laid them before the manger.

Kissing Under Mistletoe

The word "mistletoe" derives from the Anglo-Saxon word "misteltan." It is a parasitic plant which grows on evergreen trees, with small yellowish-green leaves, yellowish flowers and waxy white, poisonous berries.

Under a sprig of mistletoe men are by custom privileged to kiss any women standing under it. The man is supposed to first remove one of the berries and present it to the woman. When all the berries are gone, this kissing game is over. It is thought this custom comes from an early pagan marriage rite.

Mistletoe was considered sacred by the Druids in ancient Britain and they performed elaborate ceremonies around it at the winter solstice. Because of these pagan associations, it is seldom used in church decorations.



AND ANGELS SING . . . On that first Christmas, angels brought a message of joy and peace to the world. May the spirit of that first great holiday surround us everywhere as we welcome again the news that Christ is born at Bethlehem.

AND BEHOLD THE



The Three Wise men would never recognize the Star of Bethlehem this Christmas.

But it's there, in plain sight—though now fragmented into the planets Jupiter, Saturn, Mars, and Venus. A popular astronomical theory is that two or more of these planets appeared to come together in the heavens so that they looked like a single star to the Three Kings. Astronomers offer this explanation—among others—in the assumption that the Star of Bethlehem was in fact a genuine celestial object.

Some Biblical scholars, however, argue that when the Three Wise Men talked about a star, they were actually using the word in an allegorical description of a spiritual experience. St. Matthew described in the Gospel how a star guided the Magi to the Christ child in Bethlehem: "And behold, the star which they had seen in the east, went before them until it came and stood over where the child was. And seeing the star they rejoiced with exceeding joy."

Astronomers say that the star was really a conjunction or apparent coming-together of several planets. They point out that, due to changes in the calendar since then, the birth of Christ was really about 7 or 8 B.C. Other explanations—that the Star of Bethlehem might have been a supernova or exploding star, or that it was an exceptionally bright meteor—are discounted because none of the many professional stargazing astronomers of the time mentioned any such observance.

The Journey To Bethlehem ...



And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed.

(And this taxing was first made when Cyrenius was governor of Syria.)

And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem: (because he was of the house and lineage of David:)

To be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child.

And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered.

— St. Luke 2:1-6

Christmas

Is More

Than A Day

by Helen Steiner Rice

Christmas is more than a day at the end of the year,
More than a season of joy and good cheer,
Christmas is really God's pattern for living
to be followed all year by unselfish giving...

for the holiday season awakens good cheer
And draws us closer to those we hold dear.
And we open our hearts and find it is Good
To live among men as we always should...

But as soon as the tinsel is stripped from the tree
The spirit of Christmas fades silently
into the background of daily routine
And is lost in the whirl of life's busy scene,
And all unawares we miss and forego
The greatest blessing that mankind can know...

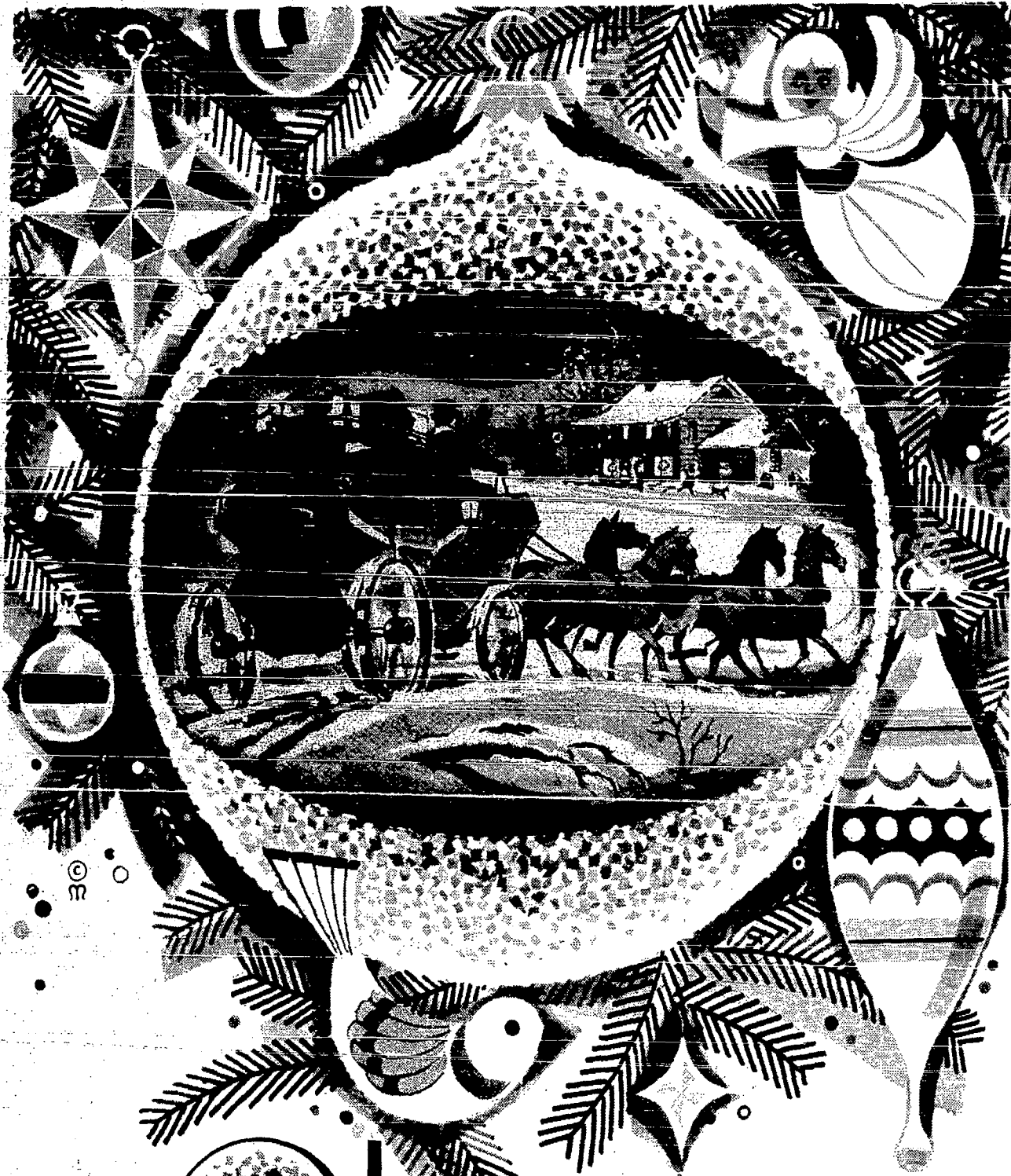
For if we lived Christmas each day, as we should,
And made it our aim to always do good,
We'd find the lost key to meaningful living
That comes not from Getting, but from unselfish Giving...

And we'd know the great joy
of Peace Upon Earth
Which was the real purpose
of our Saviour's birth.

For in the Glad Tidings of the first Christmas night,
God showed us The Way and The Truth and The Light!

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Christmas Greetings

Good tidings of comfort and joy . . . to all
our cherished friends and neighbors. We hope the season's warmth
fills your house and hearth with rekindled feelings of peace
and brotherhood. Rejoice . . . be happy! Share the Christmas spirit!

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